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Port Chester Middle School Staff to Hold "Super Brothers B" Fundraiser *Money Raised Helps Employee Whose Sons have ALD*

For a second year, the Port Chester Middle School teachers and staff will hold a fundraiser to help their colleague, hall monitor/security guard Paul Rojas and his family, pay for medical bills and expenses for their sons who were diagnosed with Adrenoleukodystrophy (ALD).

"Super Brothers B" Fun Run and Walk for Adrenoleukodystrophy Awareness will take place on Friday, October 21 starting at 4:00 pm at Port Chester Middle School. There is a \$5 registration fee per person.

The fundraiser is a family event for the whole community. In addition to the Fun Run/Walk course, there will be concessions, face-painting, carnival games and raffles.

Brandon and Brian Rojas were diagnosed with ALD in 2014. Brandon, now 9 years old, is in the advanced stages of the disease and not eligible for any treatment. Brian, now 6 years old, received an autologous transplant with gene therapy last year to prevent the disease from progressing to his brain.

"We hope the entire community will participate by registering and coming to the event," said event organizer Allison Silverman, a teacher at PCMS. "Community members can also help us by making any additional monetary donations to the Rojas family, by donating food for the concessions or by donating items for our raffles."

For information on how to get involved or to volunteer for the event, contact Ms. Silverman by email at asilverman@portchesterschools.org

ALD is a genetic disease that affects the brain of boys under 10 and rapidly leads to a vegetative state and then death. More information can be found at <http://aldfoundation.org/>