

## Our Reasons to Run: Mick

*Mick's story*, as told by his Aunt Linda:

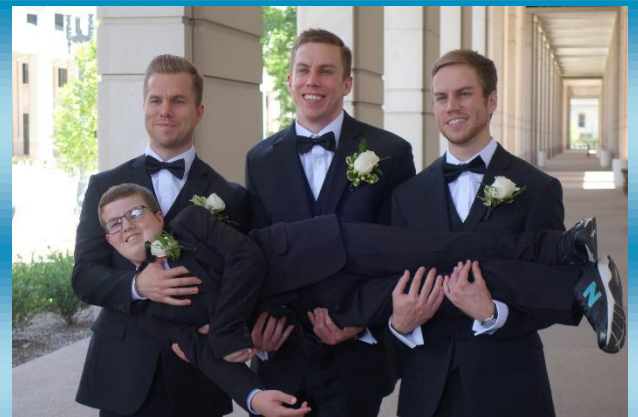
Mick is my 17-year-old nephew and was the original inspiration for the Reason to Run 5K. In October of 2007 it was discovered that he had a glioblastoma pressing against his brainstem. Glioblastomas are aggressive, fast-growing tumors for which there are currently few treatment options and no known cure. The survival rate for Mick's condition has not budged since his tumor was discovered 12 years ago. Median survival time is still 14 months.



Lucky for us and anyone who has had the good fortune to meet him, Mick isn't an odds guy. He's currently a Sophomore in high school who greets each day with genuine enthusiasm, unshakable optimism, and a friendly demeanor that melts the barriers erected by others. He truly enjoys each opportunity to befriend another, no matter how similar to or different from himself.

While maintaining a consistently high grade point average, Mick has pursued his passion for motorsports and radio control model trucks, making friends with

many in both communities. Rain or shine, you can often find him with his dad at weekend events around Ohio and neighboring states. We would love to see so many more childhood cancer survivors have the same opportunity to thrive. On behalf of all children battling cancer, thank you for choosing to participate in this event.



## Mick at our 2009 Reason to Run event:

