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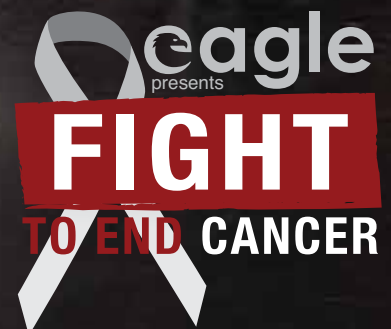
FIGHT TO END CANCER GALA 2014

DEFEAT IS NOT AN OPTION



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- > **Fight To End Cancer** Reinforces Toronto as a Champion in Boxing
- > Advocate praises 'Hurricane' Carter' legacy of hope



A man in a black tuxedo with a bow tie stands next to a woman in a dark, sequined formal dress. She is wearing a large red boxing glove on her right hand, which is resting on the man's arm. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey.

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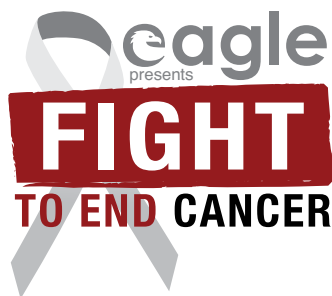
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ABOUT

THE EVENT

The third annual *Fight To End Cancer* takes place on Saturday, May 31st 2014, at the Old Mill Inn. This gala event includes not only an elegant gourmet dinner but also features a full evening of Las Vegas style entertainment including the night's main event – a series of Olympic style boxing bouts featuring some of Toronto's most influential and successful business professionals.



THE PURPOSE

Those who have been affected by cancer have had to fight! *Fight To End Cancer* raises funds for cancer research with proceeds going directly to support the **Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation and its Hospital Urgent Cancer Priorities Fund.**

This gala event is just one part of an ongoing fundraising effort which will continue throughout the year, and whose success will, in large part, rely on corporate sponsorship, community support and continued media exposure. With these efforts, *Fight To End Cancer* is confident to reach its goal of raising over **\$1,000,000.00** annually by 2016, to support this cause.



FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

Thanks to the strong financial and gift in-kind donations from all of our corporate sponsors – coupled with support from local small businesses and community residents – the *Fight To End Cancer* has managed to successfully raise over **\$160,000.00** in support of the *Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation*, in our first two years of operation. The *Fight To End Cancer* is on its way to becoming one of the most recognized and prestigious corporate occasions within Toronto and the surrounding GTA. Our 2014 event is looking to be our most successful year-to-date and it is all thanks to the hard work of our Executive Team & Planning Committee, the hours of dedication of our Fight Team fighters and loyal supporters – like you! It is our intention to continue to grow this event each year, making it one of Toronto's top charity events.

To become involved as a corporate partner or charity fighter, contact:
info@fighttoendcancer.com

FIGHT TO END CANCER GALA 2014

5:00 pm	Reception
6:00 pm	Dinner
7:15 pm	Pre-Show and Entertainment
8:00 pm	Fights Begin
9:30 pm	Live Auction
10:00 pm	Gifts to the Guests
10:15 pm	Main Event
11:00 pm	After Party

A NOTE FROM THE FOUNDER



Jennifer Huggins

*Fight To End Cancer and WAYFF Founder, Executive Director
Kingsway Boxing Club, Owner*

Since I was a child, the concept of sickness has been very real to me. I had spent a lot of time in the hospital due to a few serious injuries, asthma, and bouts with anaphylaxis. I personally experienced the difference medicine can make between life and death.

After being saved from several close calls by the power of medicine and an exceptional system, I began to feel invincible. The worry that I would ever surrender to my illnesses became a distant feeling. However, as I grew up and became more aware of the world around me, I realized that invincibility is not reality.

Something occurred to me one day while talking to a friend who was in her 7th year of battling cancer. Not every medicine came with the same results that had treated my illnesses. When I would leave the hospital after knocking at death's door, I could breathe a sigh of relief and go back to my day – feeling grateful to be alive. Each time my friend would visit the hospital, it was in the hope that the painful treatments would lengthen the time she could continue fighting her illness.

Cancer not only touches all of us; it is the second most common cause of death in North America, accounting for nearly 1 in 4 deaths. On a global level, it is well known that humankind is contributing to many carcinogenic activities. However, at the individual level the effects of this reality are, for the most part, out of our hands. We are slowly making progress on identifying many of the causes of cancer, but much of our resources need to be directed to taking care of treating those presently affected.

My friend and hero lost her battle with cancer this year. I watched the disease and its treatments weaken her physically, but not once did she let it defeat her. The family put all of their resources into fighting the disease, and they too, were never defeated. Defeat is not an option. As long as we can fight, we need to. From fighting to stop carcinogenic activities, to fighting to find a cure, we are all a part of the *Fight To End Cancer*.

ABOUT

FIGHT TO END CANCER

www.fighttoendcancer.com

Fight To End Cancer is a fundraising event, founded in 2011. We have chosen to partner with the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation because of the direct support they provide within the community. *Fight To End Cancer* is a charity event and brand that was developed by the What Are You Fighting For (WAYFF) Global Team. Our goal – for which support from the Toronto & GTA's corporate and community residents is fundamental – is to raise funds for a cause that directly affects the world, in which we live. Let's make a difference now in the *Fight To End Cancer* for a long and successful future for everyone.



A NOTE FROM THE TEAM



Virgil Barrow

2012 FTEC Main Event

FTEC Fight Team Captain

Coaching the fight to end cancer team

Boxing is a contest of character and ingenuity. The fighter with more skill, determination, desire and intelligence is always the one who comes out the victor. On May 31st, these brave group of men and women will put the countless hours of sweat, pain and tears to the test when they finally step into the ring. As the FTEC 2014 Fight Team Captain, I'm honoured to share my knowledge of the sport – that I love – to these courageous fighters. The late, great Emanuel Steward once said “If there is one abiding theme in the gym, it's the withering work in the ring. Those not fit do not survive”



Brendhan Malone

2014 Corporate Fighter

Eagle Professional Resources

Words from a fighter – Brendhan Malone

My Name is Brendhan Malone and I am fighting to end cancer. I am humbled to be a part of such an amazing team and event. As a proud father of three; I am doing this to set an example that this is a cause worth fighting for.

All of our lives have and will be touched by this disease at some point and to contribute, even a small bit, to eliminating this inevitable struggle is very important to me. I hope that the dedication the Fight Team is showing will inspire people to contribute to the finest cancer research centre in the world; the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation. I am excited to be entering the fight with Jennifer and the team. I look forward to representing your donations with dedication and hard work.

Let's Get ready to RUMBLE

ABOUT

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You are not in this alone! This is how Kingsway Boxing feels about the battle against cancer. The *Fight To End Cancer* Fight Team proves to those who are fighting, have fought or have been in some way affected by cancer, that they are not fighting alone!

We are proudly working with the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation to help *Fight To End Cancer*. It is an honour to be fighting for such a worthy cause!



A NOTE FROM PRINCESS MARGARET HOSPITAL

Kelly Webb

Manager, Special Events, Princess Margaret, Cancer Foundation

We are pleased to include the *Fight to End Cancer* in our 2014 Special Events Line Up. After successful events in both 2012 and 2013, we are extraordinarily grateful to the event organizers and to their commitment to continue with this exciting event. Last year's *Fight to End Cancer* raised more than \$86,000.00 in support of critical cancer care at Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation.

The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation is a global leader in the fight against cancer and the delivery of Personalized Cancer Medicine.

In support of this foundation – one of the top five in the world – The Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation launched a Billion Dollar Challenge in 2012. This is a five-year initiative to raise the funds needed to revolutionize cancer care across our country and around the world.

54 years of studying and treating cancer has brought the scientists and physicians at The Princess Margaret to the point where they know that the treatment recommended for a cancer patient must reflect the unique properties of their tumor as defined by its genetic profile – not just by the appearance of the tumor under a microscope. This understanding is at the heart of Personalized Cancer Medicine.

In addition to genetic analysis of tumors, our unique approach to advancing cancer medicine is to detect cancer earlier, diagnose it more precisely, target it more effectively and support each individual patient according to their unique needs.

We are privileged to count the *Fight To End Cancer* as a partner in our mission. By supporting this event, you are improving the lives of cancer patients now and in the future.

Believe it.

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PRINCESS MARGARET
CANCER FOUNDATION**

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The Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation is a member of the University Health Network which also includes Toronto General Hospital and Toronto Western Hospital. These three research-oriented hospitals are also affiliated with University of Toronto.

The Princess Margaret Hospital Foundation raises funds for breakthrough research, exemplary teaching and compassionate care at The Princess Margaret, and has achieved an international reputation as one of the top 5 cancer research centres in the world.

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A NOTE FROM WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING FOR

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What Are You Fighting For (WAYFF) Global is the parent division of the *Fight To End Cancer*. We are determined to inspire our community to become passionate about local volunteerism and recognizing their power to make a difference. In addition to annual events such as *Fight To End Cancer*, which raises money for charity; WAYFF is currently working

toward setting up brand new corporate and charity events, scholarship funds, school and corporate fitness programs and an array of other initiatives. We hope to make our mark in this world by showing others how to make theirs.

Who We Reach

Corporations, community residents and students who are involved with events and programs offered by What Are You Fighting For (WAYFF) are automatically supporting many causes locally and globally.

Building on its first year of success, WAYFF has launched a variety of fundraising initiatives, because we believe it only takes one person to share a vision and start a revolution. We hope to partner with large corporations and

small-businesses within the community in efforts to band together in growth, networking and support.

“Your Company” – What Are You Fighting For

If you are in attendance at the *Fight To End Cancer* Gala, then you are enjoying one of the many services offered by What Are You Fighting For (WAYFF):

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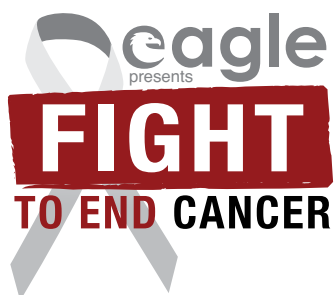
WORDS FROM OUR WHAT ARE YOU FIGHTING FOR SUPPORTERS



Kevin Dee

Eagle Professional Resources

I am a huge believer in giving back to the community and over the years, I have supported many causes both personally and through my company. Perhaps the biggest commitment I made was in 2011 when I literally gave blood, in the boxing ring, by participating in a charity white collar boxing match at age 55. It took five months of training to prepare for a six minute "geezer rumble"! Not everyone needs to make that level of commitment, but I hope everyone understands the commitment of the participants in the *Fight To End Cancer*, and support them in this battle against the true opponent... Cancer!



Dave McGregor

Tip Top Tailors

This year will mark the first time that Tip Top Tailors will join the *Fight To End Cancer* Charity Gala, a cause we are so proud to support. Each of us has been affected in some way by this dreaded disease; a friend, a family member, a colleague or a neighbor is fighting right now.

As a Canadian company for over 100 years; Tip Top Tailors has great respect for the rich heritage that allows us to move forward, continue to learn, be progressive and create a company for the future. One of our greatest strengths is our incredible team of loyal and committed people. Our associates have rallied tirelessly around fundraising for cancer with Movember being our most recent initiative. This cause, allows us to support a brighter future for our families, our friends and our communities while holding true to who we are.

We look forward to joining this fight and being supporters of so many heart-warming success stories. It's a fight that together... we can win.



Glenn McGuire

Century 21 Brown

I give to several causes and the *Fight To End Cancer* is the one that touches me most. Like many Canadians, I carry the mental scars that come with cancer. I have watched loved ones wither away in the clutches of this deadly disease. The feeling of loss and helplessness is something no one should have to experience. And the fact cancer takes these loved ones away when they are in the midst of enjoying life the most, is so unjust. I fight the fight so future generations will not suffer cancer's devastation and will live life to its fullest.



PERFORMERS



Jeff Madden

Master of Ceremonies

Jeff Madden is best known for his starring role as 'Frankie Valli' in the hit musical Jersey Boys in both the Toronto and Australian productions, winning the Dora Award for 'Outstanding Performance in a Musical' for his work. Overall, Jeff has performed the grueling role more than 700 times, to a combined audience of more than One Million people.

In his sixteen years as an in-demand actor and singer, Jeff has also worked for eight seasons at the Shaw Festival and literally across the country in various plays, musicals, concerts, television shows, and corporate gigs. Jeff has also recorded two CDs, his debut studio recording "Taking The Wheel" and a live recording of his

cabaret-style concert show "My Life in Song".

A proud graduate of Etobicoke Collegiate Institute and a former ten year resident of the Kingsway community, Jeff currently resides in Oakville, Ontario with his wife and two young daughters.

Transitioning away from the stage at present, Jeff is teaching acting and singing both privately and at Sheridan College. If you are looking for an Emcee, Host, Singer, Actor, Teacher, Writer, or Jack-of-all-trades for a future event, please contact him at:

jeff_madden@hotmail.com,
or look him up on Facebook or Twitter to stay in the loop.



Barry Pletch

Ring Announcer

Barry has acted in theatre across the city and previously hosted a different sort of battle that was filled with rage, aggression, split-second strategy and spray tan – that being, Miss Canada International. He is deeply honoured to be a part of this fantastic extravaganza and meaningful event. He believes together we can knockout cancer!



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WAYFF Global Team

The Production Team works throughout the year on producing top-notch shows comparable to none. Let our team produce your next corporate event, fundraiser, theatrical production or offer our consulting services.

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"I have two young children and a third on the way and I hope that together we can all do our part to eliminate any ounce of risk we can in protecting the next generation from this deadly disease."

- Brendhan Malone

"I am participating in the Fight to End Cancer because this is a great cause that I am passionate about."

- Shane Lewis



"I truly believe that by working together and supporting events like this cancer can and will be beaten."

- Derek Van Doorn

"The Fight To End Cancer is important to me because I want all those who have been and currently are affected to know they aren't alone. We can fight together - and we will."

- Andrew Young



"I'll fight to try and end cancer, not for myself but for my family and I'll fight because no one should ever have to say any early goodbyes."

- Peter Temoche

"The Fight To End Cancer is an opportunity to become involved in one of the most prevalent battles that continues to hinder the lives of more and more people every year."

- Daniel Cellucci

"As we watch a close friend battling this disease today, I realize how hard we all must fight to protect the memories that are still to come."

- Dawn Ramsay-Brown

"For all those I care so deeply about, who have looked cancer in the eye, those who continue to fight - you are my inspiration."

- Jane Watson

"Cancer can be beaten; I've seen it first hand with my father in law. By participating in this event I can not only support those I know, I can support the entire team's fundraising effort to support such a great cause"

- Simon Miller

"I have seen way to many young precious lives lost to Cancer. Some of these kids fought harder then anything I have had to. I am fighting for the many who didn't make it, and the many who are still fighting."

- Mitch Kyrstantos



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2014 FIGHT TO END CANCER CORPORATE FIGHT TEAM

Fight To End Cancer Reinforces Toronto as a Champion in Boxing

Written by Steve Buffery,
Journalist for the Toronto Sun

Toronto once had a reputation as being a great boxing town. Unfortunately, that reputation has taken a beating in recent years. Montreal certainly holds many more cards – both pro and amateur – than it's Upper Canada rival and seems to produce more quality fighters. However; there was a time when Toronto was the undisputed boxing capital of Canada, and thanks to people like Jennifer Huggins, owner and operator of Etobicoke's Kingsway Boxing Club and organizer of the annual *Fight To End Cancer* gala event in support of Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, the sweet science seems to be on the upswing in these parts. And why not?

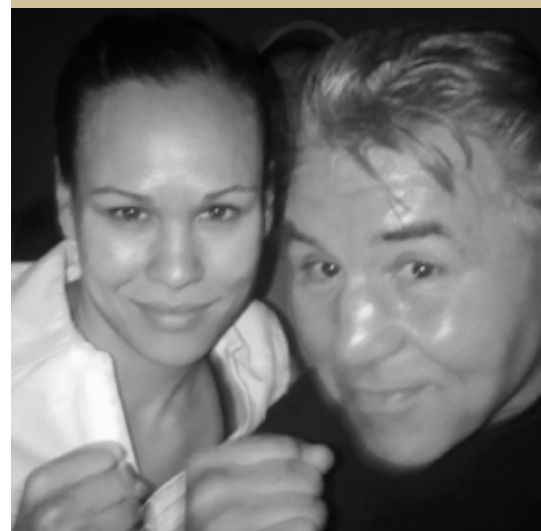
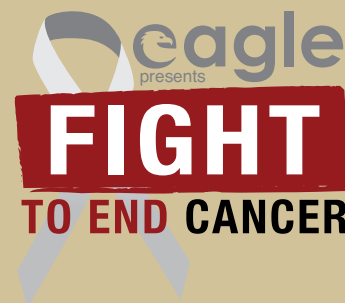
Many people don't realize, or have forgotten,
how great of a boxing town Toronto once was;

and how many great fighters – both professional and amateur – were developed and showcased in this town.

Toronto produced Olympic medalists Horace (Lefty) Gwynne, 1932 bantamweight champion, and Shawn O'Sullivan, the 1984 light-middleweight silver medalist (and son of a TTC bus driver), as well as a slew of world-ranked professionals, including the great heavyweight George Chuvalo, welterweights Sammy Luftspring, Donovan Boucher and Clyde Gray – a Commonwealth champion who fought for three world titles while later becoming Ontario boxing commissioner – lightweights Little Arthur King and Joey Bagnato, light-welterweight Nicky Furlano and light-heavyweight Eddie Melo. There was a time when fight cards were scheduled almost as frequently as Maple Leafs games.

In the so-called “modern” era of Toronto boxing, professional bouts have been held in grand stadiums like venerable Maple Leaf Gardens, and tiny venues like Winchester Public School in Toronto's Cabbagetown District. Cards were also held regularly at the old Masonic Temple at Yonge and Davenport (later to become a CTV property), Varsity Arena – scene of a dynamic second-round knockout by Donovan Boucher over O'Sullivan in 1988 for the Canadian welterweight title – the Harbour Castle, Curzon Health Club, CNE Coliseum and the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

Each year, for the past 29 years, an annual professional black tie show has been held at Toronto's Royal York Hotel in aid of the Shaw Festival, an event that has raised over a million dollars for the festival and showcased many of the area's top fighters. Local promoters have also put on shows at the St. Lawrence Market, where once an unusually small crowd prompted a “smart-alecky” Toronto sports reporter to write that the MC began his introductions with ‘Lady and Gentleman!’. The Market also hosted the widely popular ‘So You Think You're Tough’ shows.



Left: Jennifer Huggins

Right: George Chuvalo

*Photo taken at a local boxing show
Huggins was refereeing*



Poster, *Boxing's greatest use to fight in Toronto's Maple Leaf Gardens*

Prior to 1970's, cards were held frequently at Maple Leaf Gardens (site of the epic 15-round war between Chuvalo and Muhammad Ali in 1966), the old Maple Leaf Stadium, Mutual Street Arena (where, in 1938, Sammy Luftspring knocked out Frankie Genovese in the 13th round for the Canadian welterweight title), Oakwood Stadium and North York Centennial Arena. In his extraordinary new book 'Chuvalo' (co-written by Edmonton journalist Murray Greig), the former heavyweight champion writes about his first amateur bout at East York Arena, site of a weekly CBC amateur boxing program.

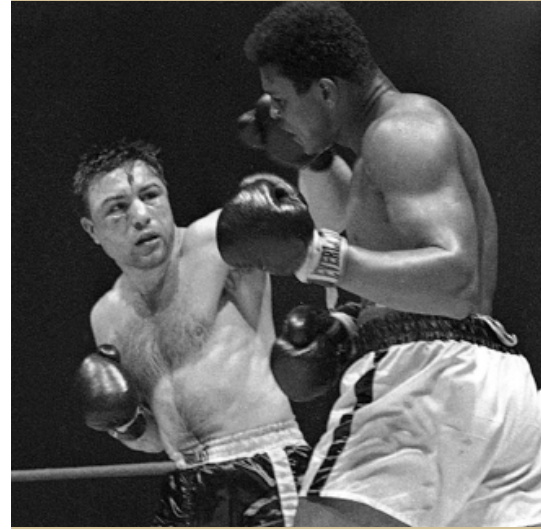
For a number of reasons, the game has suffered in recent years in Toronto and boxing cards have become few and far between. Thankfully, there are people like Huggins still involved in the game. The Etobicoke native is a one-woman wrecking crew in terms of promoting the sport. A National-level referee, as well as a former elite Canadian figure

skater, Huggins is the brainchild behind the *Fight To End Cancer*, an event that matches business professionals inside the ring in serious competition. Though the show is not about showcasing up-and-coming amateur or professional fighters, the fights are no joke. Participants spend six months leading up to the event training under the watchful eye of Huggins and Kingsway Boxing Club/*Fight To End Cancer* head coach, Virgil Barrow. Everyone takes the matches very seriously. In boxing, you have to; there are no half measures in this sport.

"Chess is often used to describe the mindset inside the boxing ring between two opponents,"

said Barrow. "As the Fight Team Captain, I would argue that it's more like playing chess against yourself. You must train two people to fight each other and understand both fighter's strengths and weaknesses. At the end of the day, corporate charity boxing is great for the sport. It allows people that never thought about boxing as an opportunity for them to step inside the ring, to fight for a great cause."

The *Fight To End Cancer* is certainly a win-win-win proposition. The show raises needed funds for cancer research for the Princess Margaret Cancer Foundation, gets traditionally non-boxing types involved in the sport, and reminds people that the sport is, and will always be, part of this great city.



George Chuvalo vs. Muhammad Ali

March 29, 1966. Maple Leaf Gardens. Fifteen rounds for the World Heavyweight Title



Virgil Barrow

Fight To End Cancers Fight Team Captain

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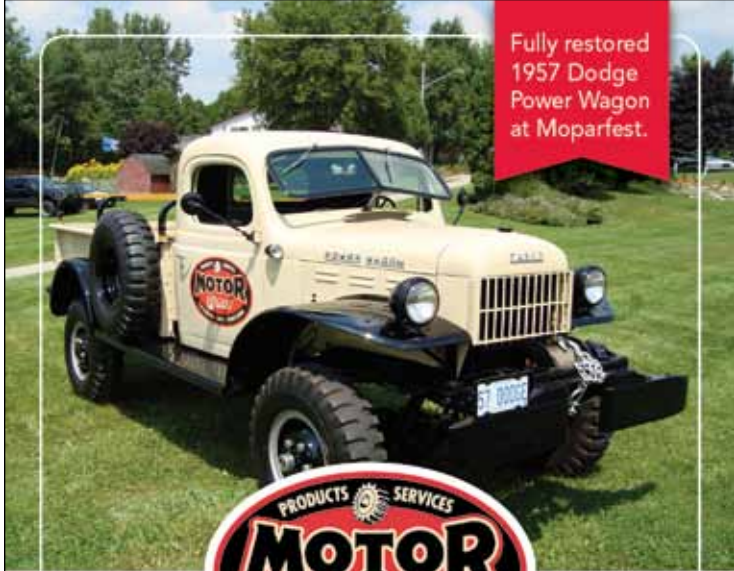


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Advocate praises 'Hurricane' Carter's legacy of hope

USA Today

A Canadian advocate for the wrongfully convicted visited Rubin "Hurricane" Carter at his Toronto home two days before his death, and even though Carter was unresponsive she wanted to tell him about the impact he'd had on others seeking exoneration.

"I told him about how he had inspired them and given them hope,"

said Win Wahrer, director of client services for the Toronto-based Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted, a group she co-founded with Carter.

Carter, who spent 19 years in prison in New Jersey until a federal judge ruled in 1985 that he'd been wrongfully convicted of three murders, died Sunday at age 76. The former middleweight boxer, whose all-out punching style inspired his nickname, had been battling prostate cancer.

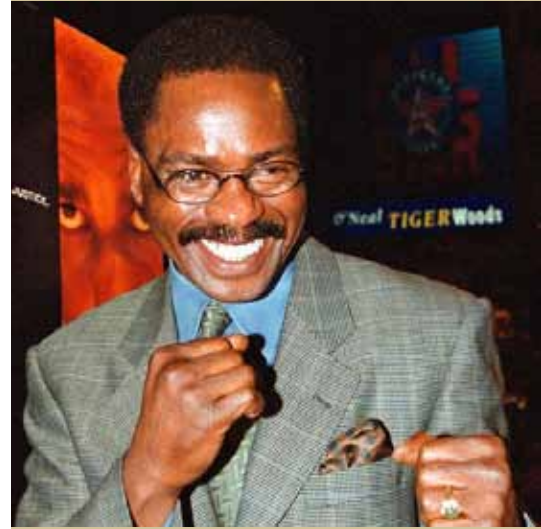
Wahrer met Carter in 1992 while she was working with a group called the Justice for Guy Paul Morin Committee. Morin, who'd been convicted in Canada of the murder of a 9-year-old neighbor girl, was exonerated in 1995 by DNA evidence. Carter had only been released seven years earlier at the time he met Morin, who was in prison.

"I was so naïve back in those days," Wahrer told USA TODAY Sports on Sunday. "... It never occurred to me he (Carter) might walk out and say, 'This guy is as guilty as sin.' But he didn't do that. He came out and he helped us to bring attention to the Guy Paul Morin case because Rubin had a celebrity status – not only being wrongfully convicted but also as a boxer."

Wahrer's group was reconstituted in 1993 to become the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted. Carter became its co-founder and executive director and held that position until 2004. The association says it has assisted with the exoneration of 18 Canadians, most of whom had been convicted of murder.

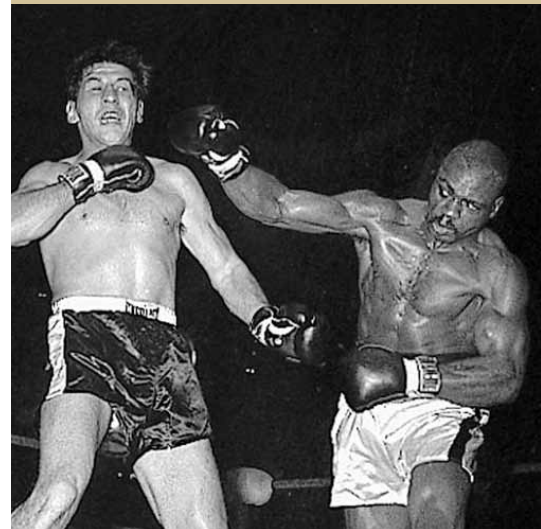
Carter's own case inspired a 1975 song called Hurricane by Bob Dylan. It was the subject of the 1999 film of the same name starring Denzel Washington. Muhammad Ali and other celebrities spoke in Carter's behalf. Carter wrote an autobiography titled *The Sixteenth Round*.

"Of all the wrongful convictions, I would think that Rubin's is probably the best known worldwide," said Wahrer. "... Certainly, there are a lot of cases that make it into the news. But the thing is you read them today, do you remember them tomorrow? Rubin's is one of those (you remember)."



A former middleweight title contender, Carter poses for cameras during a memorabilia presentation from the movie "The Hurricane."

Photo Credit: Anders Krusberg, AP



Joey Giardello, left, is jolted by Rubin 'Hurricane' Carter in the ninth round of their 1964 middleweight title bout

Photo Credit: Associated Press

In a statement Sunday, Washington said, "God bless Rubin Carter and his tireless fight to ensure justice for all."

Even as he fought cancer, Carter remained involved in trying to help others.

On Feb 21, the New York Daily News published an article written by Carter in support of David McCallum of Brooklyn, N.Y., imprisoned since 1985 after being convicted of kidnapping and murder.

"I am now quite literally on my deathbed and am making my final wish to those with the legal authority to act," Carter wrote.

He noted that McCallum was imprisoned the same year he was released. Carter urged new Brooklyn District Attorney Ken Thompson to "look straight in the eye of truth" and re-examine the case.

"If I find a heaven after this life, I'll be quite surprised," wrote Carter. "In my own years on this planet, though, I lived in hell for the first 49 years, and have been in heaven for the past 28 years."

"To live in a world where truth matters and justice, however late, really happens, that world would be heaven enough for us all."

Wahrer said she visited Carter at his home last Friday for about 3½ hours. She said he "looked very at peace" but was not able to speak. The first time she entered his room she said, "I just sort of in my head said things."

But she said after she left and went downstairs, she recalled that when her own mother died someone had told her "the last thing to go is their hearing. They can hear you."

So she returned to Carter's bedside and told him how she'd just returned from an Innocence Project meeting in Oregon that was attended by

113 exonerees – who had signed three posters wishing him well and thanking him.

"I told him how honored I was that I had been included in his life... and wished him well on his next journey," she said.

Does she believe he heard her?

"It's very difficult to know if they're not responding to you," said Wahrer. "But I felt it was important for him to know that I cared about him, I loved him and that I would miss him."

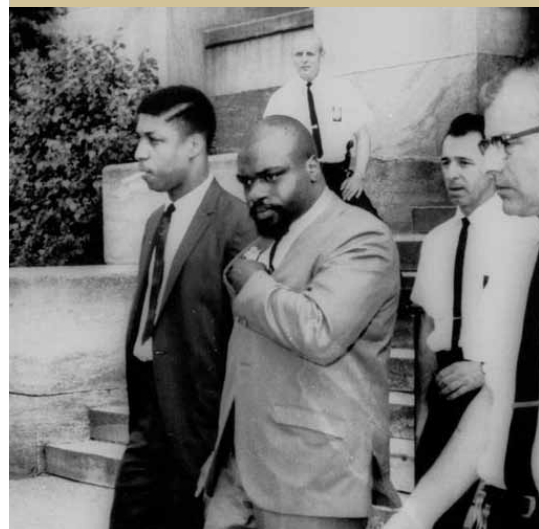
Prosecutors had argued that the 1966 fatal shooting of three white people at a bar in Paterson, N.J., by two black men – witnesses identified the race of the suspects but not Carter or John Artis – were in retaliation for a murder hours earlier of a black tavern owner by a white man.

Carter and Artis were convicted twice and sentenced to life in prison. Artis was paroled in 1981.

But Carter's conviction was overturned in 1985 in federal court in New Jersey. Judge Haddon Lee Sarokin ruled the prosecution's case rested upon "racial stereotypes, fears and prejudices." He also wrote that if the prosecution had revealed all of its evidence "there is a reasonable probability that the result of the trial would have been different." Prosecutors declined to try the case again.

Wahrer said Carter's story will continue to give others hope.

"Because of his credibility, because of the face of Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, because he was so well known," she said. "People who wouldn't normally pay attention to this sort of subject matter were paying attention. ... Unfortunately, many people feel that if you've gone to prison it's because you deserve to be there, and they don't think beyond that."



"Hurricane" Carter, second from left, leaves Passaic County courthouse in Paterson, N.J. with co-defendant John Artis, left, and officers after their life-in-prison sentencing.

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"Hurricane" Carter strikes a boxing pose during an interview at his home in Toronto on Dec. 28, 1999. Carter died on April 20, 2014 at his home after a battle with prostate cancer. He was 76.

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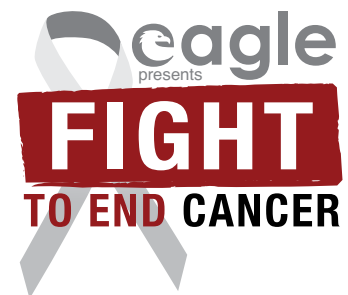
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