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*Help us give Hope to those afflicted with Hereditary Diseases.*



Cat. High vs. Pub. High

12/23/05



Mike O'Brien  
INVITATIONAL

December 22, 2007



Sean & Theresa Broderick  
1248 Fay St.  
Fulton, NY 13069

*"Everything that is done in the world is done by hope." – Martin Luther*



Mike O'Brien Invitational

Saturday, December 22, 2007  
Laker Hall, SUNY Oswego



#40 Mike O'Brien: BCHS '83

*Help Us "Dunk"  
Hereditary Diseases*

All net proceeds to benefit the  
Hereditary Disease Foundation



2006 Mike O'Brien Invitational  
Alumni Game



2006 Mike O'Brien Scholarship Winners:  
Zach Fayette and Andre Knighton



## Michael Corey O'Brien

On May 1, 2005 Michael O'Brien fell to his death while attempting to summit Mt. Everest in an effort to raise funds for, and the awareness of, the Hereditary Disease Foundation (HDF), a non-profit organization which funds research to cure hereditary diseases such as Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and Huntington's diseases. Michael along with his brother Christopher were attempting to become the first American brothers to summit Everest together.

Michael and Christopher had lost their mother, sister and grandmother to Huntington's Disease. Another one of their siblings had recently been diagnosed with the Disease. After years of preparation, the O'Brien Brothers attempted to summit Mt. Everest in April 2005. Although the climb would be the most difficult yet for the brothers, the more challenging and difficult part of their quest was asking others for help and opening up about their family's tragic history and tumultuous future.

Notably, despite the fact that the O'Brien Brothers had hundreds of friends, Mike and Chris rarely talked about what Huntington's Disease had done to their family and the reasons for the choices they made in life. However, they knew that if they were ever to reach their goal of raising \$100,000 for HDF, they would have to end their silence for good. Sadly, on May 1, 2005 the expedition came to a tragic end when Mike slipped and fell into a 40 foot crevasse. Chris, a neurologist and medical school graduate going into his first year of residency, repelled down to help his brother but was unable save his brothers life.



Mike and his brother had only raised \$15,000 for HDF before they left, hoping to raise more when they returned from the top of Everest by telling their story. Mike's friends and family have been working together to "finish Mike's climb". Growing up Mike was a student athlete and played basketball for Bishop Cunningham High School and later in college for SUNY Oswego. On December 23, 2005 on what would have been Mike's 40th birthday, friends, family, media and the generous residents of Upstate NY gathered for the 1st Annual Cat High vs Pub High "A night for Mike O'Brien" charity Basketball game at SUNY Oswego in Mike's hometown and Alma mater that raised \$23,000 surpassing Mike's goal of \$100,000 for HDF. In 2006 Mike's family and friends raised an additional \$17,000 for the Hereditary Disease Foundation and funded two high school scholarships in Mike's name. Since then, there have been other fundraising efforts that have raised approximately \$140,000 to date for HDF. We are committed to finding a cure and provide **Hope** for the many people afflicted with Hereditary Diseases. We are again asking for your support for this year's "Hoops for Hope" Mike O'Brien Invitational Basketball tournament.

**Why Mike and Chris chose HDF** — Since its inception, the Hereditary Disease Foundation has committed over 50 million dollars to initiate and support pioneering biomedical research. HDF funds the best and brightest, new and experienced investigators from the premier institutions world-wide and has sparked extraordinary scientific advances in research. For more information go to [www.hdfoundation.org](http://www.hdfoundation.org)



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### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



**Noon – 2:00 PM**  
Youth Basketball Clinic  
and Leprechaun Game



**3:00 PM**  
Fulton vs. Bishop Ludden  
Varsity Basketball Game



**5:00 PM**  
Oswego vs. Hannibal  
Varsity Basketball Game



**7:00 PM**  
Alumni Basketball Game



**8:30 PM**  
Post Game at  
The American Foundry  
Hors d'oeuvres, Drinks,  
Silent Auction, Raffles  
and Fun!

