

Irish Pub To Kick Up Heels & Raise A Pint For “These Boots”

WALLINGFORD, Conn. For a fourth year, the Old Dublin Pub and its guests will kick up their heels, sing a few authentic Irish ditties and raise a pint in support of longtime friend Karin Gould and her MS walk team, These Boots this year on Sunday, May 18.

Gould, 38, diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) in 1998, and her team of 20 raised more than \$18,500 at last year's Travelers Walk MS event. Gould herself raised more than \$4,000 ranking her among the top 10 fundraisers statewide.

“The support I've received over the years from family and friends has been amazing,” said Gould, a New Haven resident. “The Old Dublin has been especially supportive. For the past three years, the pub has provided a festive atmosphere for raising awareness and much-needed funds. Since it was established three years ago, The Old Dublin event has raised more than \$15,000 all of which helps scientific research move forward.”

More than 6,000 Connecticut residents, like Gould, are diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, a disease affecting the central nervous system. The cause is unknown, and there currently is no cure. Funds raised through chapter events, such as the MS Walk, provide for vital programs and services offered by the chapter to Connecticut residents diagnosed with MS. These funds also ensure ongoing scientific research to find a cause, new treatments and a cure for MS.

The Old Dublin annual MS fundraiser will be held Sunday, May 18, from 2 to 8 p.m. and is open to the public. Admission is \$20 and includes a dinner buffet and live music all day, featuring Paul Pender, Mark James and Pierce Campbell. The event features drawings for prizes, including gift certificates to local eateries, jewelry, gift baskets and more.

“We are pleased to team up with Karin in support of the fight against MS,” said owner and operator Paul Pender, who left Ireland 14 years ago to live in the United States. “Years ago, we pledged to join the movement. The Old Dublin is delighted to open its doors to help. We invite our community to come out and join the movement to find a cure.”

The Old Dublin is located at 171 Quinnipiac Str. , in Wallingford , Conn. For more information on the pub, the fundraiser or directions, please go to <http://www.theolddublin.com/> . The 2008 Travelers Walk MS Walk was held at 11 sites across Connecticut Sunday, May 4. These Boots walks annually at the West Haven site. The chapter expects to raise \$1.5 million. Participants have until June 2 to reach or surpass fundraising goals for prizes. To learn more about supporting These Boots or pledging to the 2008 Travelers Walk MS, please contact Michelle Zimnoch at 860-714-2300, ext. 234, or visit <http://www.ctfightsms.org/>.