



Tony's Trot – A Fun Run for Kids

Along with the 5K run and Memorial Walk, the inaugural *Get Your Rear in Gear – Philadelphia* events will include a Kids Fun Run. This year, the Fun Run will be named "Tony's Trot" in honor and memory of Tony Snow, former White House Press Secretary, who lost his battle with colon cancer in July of 2008. Tony's Sister Jenny lives in the Philadelphia area, and was actively involved in planning this year's events.

"Not everybody will survive cancer," Snow once told reporters, "but on the other hand, you have got to realize you've got the gift of life, so make the most of it." By keeping Tony's memory alive, the "Tony's Trot" Fun Run will not only bring kids together to run and have fun, but also remind them that there are other mothers, fathers, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends who battle this disease every day. Some survive, and some do not. It is the dignity and fearlessness that these parents and loved ones instill in their children that we celebrate.

A diagnosis of colon cancer affects the whole family. Snow spoke openly about leaving his job in the White House to make more money for his family. He was a devoted husband and a proud and loving father, and we will be honored to have Tony's wife and children there to participate in our inaugural event and greet the children participating in the Fun Run.

Tony was an adoring son, a beloved colleague, and a wonderful role model and friend. In a life that was far too brief, he amassed a rare record of accomplishment. He applied his gifted mind to many fields: as a columnist, newspaper editor, TV anchor, radio host, and musician. His willingness to speak openly about his disease was inspirational to many facing their own cancer battles, and his voice will be missed.