



# E-NEWSLETTER

## April News

### 12th Annual Racing to Recovery Gala



### Honoring Roger Penske Legends of Racing Award

*presented by Sam Schmidt & Rick Mears*



*Roger Penske and Sam Schmidt*

Festive Cocktails, Wine & Beer

### Silent Auction Preview

Here are just a few of the exciting items in this year's Gala silent auction. Visit our website [www.samschmidt.org](http://www.samschmidt.org) to see more!



*Tasting Room Extravaganza & Private Party* ~ This amazing experience includes a private tour of one of Indianapolis hottest destinations, a private tasting of all Flat12 Beers, a Q&A with the Brewing Team and a Private Party complete with music, pints & appetizers



*Channel 13 Weather Experience* ~ A behind-the-scenes opportunity to spend an afternoon shadowing Chief Meteorologist Chris Wright and watching a live broadcast of Eyewitness News in the Indianapolis Channel 13 studio.



*Indianapolis*

Delicious hors d'oeuvres ~ Gourmet food stations

### **Silent and Live Auctions**

Rub elbows with Indycar drivers and team owners past and present as we celebrate our honoree Roger Penske and 100 years of racing at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Wednesday, May 18 ~ 6:30-10:30 PM

D'Amore of Indianapolis

*Indianapolis' Newest Hot Spot... A Venue With a View!*

48th Floor, Chase Bank Tower ~ Monument Circle

### **Sponsorships and Program Advertising**

opportunities are available. Contact Alice at [arose@samschmidt.org](mailto:arose@samschmidt.org) or 317-236-9999.

*Tickets are limited - Call 317-236-9999.*

Click here for **Gala Invitation** or go to [www.samschmidt.org](http://www.samschmidt.org).

*(To view photos from last year's Gala, click [here](#).)*

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### ***Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg Run, Walk 'N Wheelathon***



*Zoo Behind the Scenes Tour & Elephant Art Adventure* ~ Four guests will go behind the scenes to meet one of the Indianapolis Zoo's elephant artists that will create a painting just for them to take home.

Participants will see the elephant barn, meet an elephant, learn about some of things that make this elephant unique in our herd and help choose the color palette for the painting.



*PitFit Training "Driver Workout"* ~ Get the full IndyCar Driver workout with the experts at PitFit Training, Inc. To see James Hinchcliffe's PitFit workout, click [here](#).

These are just a few of the many silent and live auction items to be offered at this year's Racing to Recovery Gala!

To see some examples:

~ Silent Auction items, click [here](#).

~ Live Auction items, click [here](#).

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### **Please remember ~ April is Paralyzed Veterans of America Awareness Month.**

SSPF is proud to welcome veterans at many of our Day at the Races events. For more information about the Paralyzed Veterans of America organization, click [here](#).

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### **Day at the Races**

The Sam Schmidt Paralysis has presented three Day at the Races programs so far this year, hosting guests at racetracks in St. Petersburg FL, Birmingham AL and Long Beach CA.

Looking forward to our Day at the Races event at Indianapolis Motor Speedway in May!



*Wheelchair athletes*



*SSPF President/CEO Ida Cahill with top pledge winner  
Stacey Wachtfogel*

*It was a beautiful day in St. Petersburg at the Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation's 2nd Annual Run, Walk 'N Wheelathon, held on Saturday, March 26.*

Over 700 participants ran, walked and wheeled their way around the Honda Grand Prix of St. Petersburg 5K course. A very special thank you to Green Savoree Racing Promotions for making the event possible, and to our sponsors and athletes for a great event!



*(To view more photos from this event, click [here](#).)*

To learn more about our Day at the Races program, click [here](#).

## **2011 Schedule of Events**

The Sam Schmidt Paralysis Foundation will have a very busy schedule in 2011, including several Day at the Races quality of life events, Run, Walk 'N Wheelathon fundraisers, local fundraisers, the annual May Gala and the annual Racing to Recovery Golf Tournament.

To view the entire schedule as of today, click [here](#). The schedule will be updated as further information becomes available.



(To view more photos from this event, click [here.](#))

Coming up - Honda Indy Toronto Grand Prix Run, Walk 'N Wheelathon on Sunday, July 10.

To learn more about our Run, Walk 'N Wheelathon fundraising events, click [here.](#)

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