



Kankakee, IL
Jingle Bell Run Honoree
Phil Angelo

Phil has been a faithful friend to the Jingle Bell Run/Walk (JBR) since the very first race in his community 22 years ago! His employer, The Daily Journal has been a great supporter of the Jingle Bell Run. In the formative years of the JBR the publisher of The Daily Journal at the time Jean Alice Small, suffered with severe arthritis, and pledged the newspaper's support.

Phil has been in the trenches and has done everything from securing race locations to sponsorship development. Shapiro Developmental Center has been the course site for years. Chicago Dough Pizza has provided hot pizza for runners as they finish the course. Prizes are given to area schools that bring in the most race participants.

Continuing the work of growing this event, Phil was elated when the JBR hit 300 participants. He never dreamed they could do better than that. Surprise, in 2010 the JBR had 1,500 participants and raised \$65,000! Phil has forged a great partnership with the Arthritis Foundation and he exemplifies the best of what volunteerism is all about.

In the early years Phil performed court measurement, table set-up and even stuffed goodie bags. The Arthritis Foundation has always been able to depend on Phil. In more recent years Phil has served as master of ceremonies for the Jingle Bell Run. When asked about his motivation to stay involved he said, "I really do it in memory of Jean Alice Small, a great publisher and supporter of Kankakee charity. It means so much to me to see this event succeed. It really has a reputation as a fun event with lots and lots of costumes!"

Phil is a true gem to the Kankakee community. Active in the Sons of Italy, Kiwanis Club of Kankakee, member of a Sherlock Holmes club, Civil War Roundtable, Lionel train aficionado, and White Sox fan; we think the world needs many more Phil's.

It is because of his determination and commitment to all things Jingle Bell Run, that we are honored to have Phil Angelo as the 2012 Jingle Bell Run Honoree.

About the Arthritis Foundation

The Arthritis Foundation (www.arthritis.org) is committed to raising awareness and reducing the unacceptable impact of arthritis, which strikes one in every five adults and 300,000 children, and is the

nation's leading cause of disability. To conquer this painful, debilitating disease, we support education, research, advocacy and other vital programs and services.