“Katie’s Angels”

One of the longest running teams to participate in the Cere-Bration Walk & Roll is Katie’s Angels. This year is the team’s 12th year walking alongside brain injury survivors, families, friends, professionals, and caregivers at the annual fundraiser.

“Katie loves putting on her halo and wings as she walks each year and being the ‘why’ we walk,” said Joan Atchue, mother of Katie. The team is named after the people who helped Katie in her brain injury journey. “To us they were all angels!”

Katie’s Angels is comprised of family members, neighbors, friends, and co-workers, and team numbers have ranged from 10 to up to 27 “angels,” Joan said. One of their favorite parts of the walk is listening to the guest speakers share their own brain injury journeys.

“We participate in the walk to give back to the Brain injury Association of Massachusetts, which helped Katie and our family feel like we were not alone in life after a brain injury,” Joan said. “We look forward to walking every year and seeing the strength and determination that all the survivors share. They never give up.”

The 2026 Cere-Bration Walk & Roll event will be held at 10 a.m., Sunday, September 27 at the Buzzards Bay Recreation Area along the Cape Cod Canal. This family-friendly fundraiser connects and supports the brain injury community and promotes brain injury awareness. Participants are invited to walk, roll, or even run the “out-and-back” 1-mile paved route.

Event t-shirts, water, and snacks will be provided. This is a rain or shine event. Cere-Bration registration fees are $10 for survivors, $25 for individuals. Online registration for Cere-Bration will close at 5 p.m. on September 24. However, walk-ins are welcome. To register, please visit: https://biama.org/cerebration/.

Thinking about starting your own Cere-Bration team? Do not stress over team member numbers and get creative with your fundraising. Katie’s Angels have held yard sales, golf tournaments, raffles with proceeds going to BIA-MA. Ask friends and neighbors to donate, too. Any donation amount is appreciated.

“People want to help,” Joan said.