

Joseph E. Manzi has been a Site Sponsor for the Chicago Great Strides Walk for two decades. This year he has taken on the challenge of being the **Presenting Sponsor for the Greater Illinois Great Strides Walks**. Mr. Manzi and his wife of 40 years Faye have been dedicated to the support of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation goals of seeking the means to cure, control and to improve the quality of life for those with cystic fibrosis since learning their three children were afflicted with this life shortening disease. Unfortunately, their only son Eric passed away on April 8, 2005 as a result of complications related to the disease. The Manzi's have two beautiful daughters, Jennifer and Lisa who with their parent's support and encouragement continue to live happy and productive lives.

Mr. Manzi is a native New Yorker, and a "die hard" New York Yankees fan. Mr. Manzi earned a Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from the Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn and a Master's degree in Structural Engineering from New York University and is a Registered Professional Engineer in five states. In 1985 Mr. Manzi founded J.E. Manzi & Associates, Inc., an engineering consulting firm that specializes in construction project management, construction dispute resolution and litigation support for construction related matters. Mr. Manzi's firm is active in numerous public and private construction projects locally, nationally and internationally.

Mr. Manzi is a Corvette enthusiast and an avid outdoorsman. He enjoys power boating and big game hunting in his leisure time. Mr. Manzi is also a wine aficionado (with a wine cellar to prove it) and has a large collection of sports memorabilia.