

Walking For Walden



At the fundraiser kickoff party held March 10th, Denise Hill visits with her family: Bruce, Brittany, Christina, and husband Bruce Hill



Checking out the one-man tent she will use are Denise and her trainers

Local resident Denise Hill embarks on 2,160 solo hike in memory of her sister

On April 4th, Indian Hill resident Denise Hill will embark on a unique journey that promises to be physically grueling while at the same time spiritually fulfilling. Denise's journey will take her through 2,160 miles of the Appalachian Mountains as she follows a through-hiking trail that begins in Georgia and concludes mid-October in the state of Maine.

A special send-off celebration was held at Tri Health Pavilion on March 10th, where friends, family and well-wishers gathered to provide emotional

and financial support of Ms. Hill's objectives. Her solo journey which she describes as "a spiritual memorial" represents the culmination of a 15-year search for meaning in the untimely death of her sister, Cheryl Rose Walden, who succumbed to breast cancer in 1998 at the age of 44 after a difficult ten-year struggle with the disease.

"Walking For Walden" is a one-woman fundraiser to benefit breast cancer research and breast cancer awareness organizations. The Cheryl Rose Walden Foundation has been established as a not-for-profit charitable organization to receive individual and corporate sponsorships of Ms. Hill's hiking journey.

Says Ms. Hill, "Cheryl's memory will be my hiking partner as I venture afoot through 14 states. Please consider helping me to keep my sister's memory alive by supporting breast cancer awareness."

Contributions can be made to the Cheryl Rose Foundation, Inc., c/o The Fifth Third Bank, 7101 Miami Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio 45243.

Denise Hill has also set up a web site for supporters to track her trail progress during the four to six months that she pursues her mission. Supporters can obtain additional information on this one-of-a-kind fundraiser by visiting <www.walkingforwalden.com>.