

FUNDRAISING SEMINARS TRAININGS

Kicking Causes is a Non Profit Public Charity and advocacy campaign program designed to engage community members, specifically children, in leadership development, creative fundraising solutions, and martial arts training to further the growth and sustainability of local institutions including those dedicated to education, youth athletics, community development, research and more.

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Kicking for Causes 2025 – Benefiting Learn to Cope - Forget Me Not Initiative

Event Date: Saturday, June 7th

Location: Rocky Silva's American Karate (1275 Fall River Ave, Seekonk, MA 02771)

Dear Valued Community Member,

We would like to invite you to participate in this year's 9th annual *Kicking for Causes* board breaking fundraiser to benefit *Learn to Cope* (Taunton, MA) and their *Forget Me Not Initiative*. This year, we are teaming up with Learn to Cope to combine the passion of martial arts students with their desire to help others. Learn to Cope is a 501(c)(3) non-profit and a peer-led support network that offers education, resources, and hope for family members and friends who have loved ones affected by substance use disorder. Founded in 2004, the organization has grown to include over 13,000 members and has become a nationally recognized model for peer support and prevention programming.

Learn to Cope is proud to announce the completion of the first year of the *Forget-Me-Not Initiative*. This heartwarming pilot program was launched to provide financial assistance to families who have lost a parent to substance use disorder, or who are raising children (18 and under) after the loss of a parent, or due to a parent's inability to care for them. Learn to Cope has distributed \$20,000 in one-time grants to 26 families in its inaugural year through this initiative. These grants aim to address the growing and basic needs of children who have experienced the loss or absence of a parent, and to provide them with the resources and support they need to thrive. This special day will be filled with board breaking and fundraising, raffles, prizes and much more. **Our goal this year is to raise over \$40,000 for Learn to Cope** by gaining sponsorships for our students to break wooden karate boards and prove that, together, we can kick the effects of addiction and its impact on families.

As part of our 2025 fundraising efforts, we would like to invite you to help our cause by potentially **donating a raffle item for this year's fundraiser**. During our last fundraiser, this portion of our raffle brought in an extra \$5,000+ and we would love your help again this year to reach our new goal. We are seeking baskets, certificates, and items of all kinds to display during the event. Please feel free to include any marketing or promotional material from your organization. All donations are tax exempt and our **tax exempt ID# is 46-4143094**. We have had a wide variety of donations in the past, and with thousands of people attending the day of the event, it is also a great opportunity to get your name out into the local community. If you would like to support this year's event, please drop off your basket to Rocky Silva's American Karate: Attn. Kicking for Causes, or you can call us at 401-439-7748 to arrange a pickup time at your convenience. Please feel free to visit our website www.kickingforcauses.org for more information or to contact us.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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