

Watchung Hills Regional High School

Hall of Fame

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Sandra Blumberg

Class of 2007

There is no better way to understand the essence of Sandra Blumberg than to recognize that she was the reason Watchung Hills Regional High School instituted the “Heart of a Warrior” award. This award is almost self-explanatory: it recognizes someone who never gives up despite the odds and challenges and someone who touches others in the process of moving forward against the odds. In her perseverance, Sandra not only sought to achieve her goals and realize her dreams, she sought to help others in doing the same.

At the age of four, Sandra was diagnosed with Neurofibromatosis (NF), a genetic disease that is unrelenting in presenting ongoing challenges. Sandra viewed this as a challenge, but not an obstacle. She made every effort to optimize what she could do despite the disease and perhaps because of the disease. She quickly became an inspiration; she had the heart of a warrior.

Sandra led fundraising efforts to support NF research, not for herself, but for all the others out there who were afflicted or could possibly inherit the genes for the disease. Sandra’s inspirational leadership resulted in a fundraising effort of nearly \$40,000 in the 2006-2007 school year.

In addition to her commitment to fundraising, Sandra found time to captain the Watchung Hills Women’s Bowling team and regularly participated in the Special Olympics.

In addition, to being the inspiration for the “Heart of a Warrior” Award, Sandra was awarded the Elmer Bieler Award which recognizes the recipient for dedication to his/her school, friends, community and the world at-large. It epitomized the selfless and tireless efforts of Sandra Blumberg.

Like Elmer Bieler, Sandra left this life too early, but those who met Sandra during her lifetime have become better persons. We are most proud and humbled to induct Sandra as a charter member of the WHRHS Hall of Fame.