



# THE MISSY PROJECT Update

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## The Missy Project Makes the News

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On April 22, 2007 The Missy Project was excited to officially launch the much-anticipated *Community Screening Program*. Working together with the Brain & Spine Center, Neurosciences at Brackenridge Hospital, we conducted our first screening using Magnetic Resonance Angiogram (MRA) on candidate Christine Doe. She was thrilled and relieved to receive a scan with no signs of Brain Aneurysm Disease (BAD).



Our first screening candidate, Christine Doe from Austin.

News8 Austin was there to report on this landmark event. Their news piece reached out to many

central Texans who are good candidates for the *Community Screening Program*. The Missy Project sincerely appreciates News8 Austin's commitment to the community and helping us spread the word about this potentially life-saving program.

The MRA screenings are conducted as a research study for early detection of BAD in those with a family history. We anticipate being able to screen approximately 70 people that have two or more familiar relationships with BAD, or one familiar relationship and one or more of the following risk factors: hypertension or smoking.

If you feel that you may be a candidate for this program, please visit [www.themissyproject.com](http://www.themissyproject.com) or contact Mary Magel. The MRA screenings are available to those who meet the protocol of the research study. The *Community Screening Program* is not symptom specific; if you are experiencing symptoms of a potential brain aneurysm, (consistent migraine type headaches, droopy eye, flu like symptoms, high blood pressure, etc.), contact your health professional.

### The Missy Project

is a non-profit 501 (c)(3) organization named after Missy Magel, a 12-year-old girl whose life was suddenly taken by a brain aneurysm rupture. For information, visit [www.themissyproject.com](http://www.themissyproject.com).



The Missy Project director, Mary Magel, gives an interview for News8 Austin.

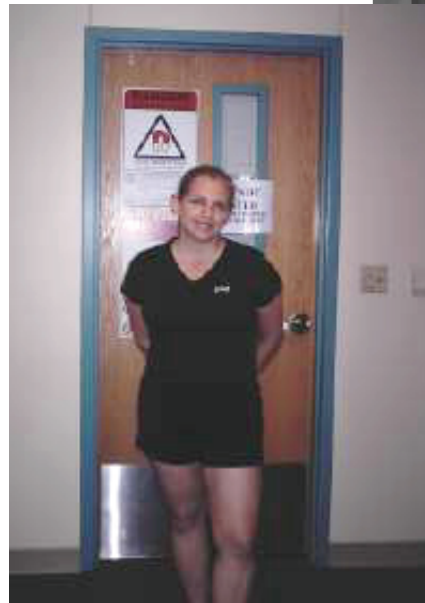
## Director's Update

Passion = “The place God calls you to, where your deep gladness meets the world’s deep hunger,” (Frederick Beuchner). Enidio recently came across this description of passion and it really resonated with me. I feel honored to have a passion in my life. I would have liked to develop it in another way than through grief. They say that sometimes you need to be hit with a brick before you become aware or compassionate. My 12 year old daughter Missy’s death was my brick. It will be eight years on July 8th that she left us suddenly to a brain aneurysm. At the time, I didn’t even know how to spell aneurysm. There weren’t any websites for average people to browse and learn more about it – only medical sites that didn’t make any sense to me. So The Missy Project created one. There was little to no research being conducted at the time for advancements in the disease. The Missy Project is conducting our second research project currently. Eight years ago many people, like me, never heard of a brain aneurysm. Now, most people will acknowledge they know what it is. The advancements made in the awareness of brain aneurysm disease have been significant in the past 8 years. I feel like Missy’s death has been a small part of that. The passion I have for the awareness and prevention of this disease is unparalleled to any other incident in my lifetime. Even though it was the loss of my daughter that brought me to this passion, I will always be grateful for it. Thank you for supporting my passion.

--Mary Magel

## Want to Help? Sponsor Our Screening

The Missy Project will need continued support to keep the *Community Screening Program* operating. With just a click you can become a sponsor and save a life by visiting [www.themissyproject.com](http://www.themissyproject.com) (click on *Make a Donation*) or you can mail a check to The Missy Project, 11303 Dead Oak Ln, Austin, TX 78759. Our cost per screening is \$500. With 70 screenings this year alone, we have made a big financial commitment to the community. We need your help. This *Community Screening Program* will provide necessary research data for early detection of brain aneurysm disease. We thank you for your donations!



*The Schultz family (above) came in from Brenham to participate in our screening program as well as Melissa Isaaca (left) who came to Austin from El Paso, Tx.*

## A New Day in The Sun

On March 2, 2007, four Missy Project board members— Mary & Enidio Magel, Mary Friedli and Christine Doe— attended a luncheon entitled *A New Day In the Sun* at the Four Season’s hosted by Seton’s Brackenridge Hospital. The main speaker was senator and former Austin mayor, Kirk Watson. Senator Watson, along with prominent physicians and other city representatives, shared with us a new vision for Brackenridge by combining efforts with U.T. to include Brackenridge Hospital as a teaching facility to new doctors and nurses. This is a tremendous benefit to Austin as being recognized as a teaching facility will continue to draw new talent to our city.

The Missy Project was a *Platinum* donor to the event due to our funding of the *Community Screening Program* being conducted by the Brain and Spine Center at Brackenridge Hospital Neurosciences. It was a great opportunity to mingle with others who support the hospital’s growth and service to the community.



*Mary Friedli, pointing out The Missy Project Platinum sponsorship, is joined by Christine Doe and Mary Magel.*

# The Missy Project 8th Annual Golf Tournament

Our annual golf tournament was held on April 23, 2007. The weather tried to put a damper on things with some of the golfers getting rained on, but nothing could stop the fun. With 29 golf teams, 200 silent & live auction items, and for the first time a reverse auction, we raised \$70,000! Dr. Kemper ran the reverse action by starting the bidding at \$500 for an individual to purchase a *Screening and Save-a-Life*. Eight *Screenings* were bought that evening by caring individuals. What a great way to save a life!



When you're good, you're good! For the second year in a row, Wayne Weigelt and his team won the tournament. A close second place went to the team from PAKMAIL. In 3rd place – Ralph Sharp, Gary Weave, Richard Corbin and Brian Flynn; and 4th place – Russ Friedman, Bill Sloan, Bill Glenn and Trey Schowalter (our phenomenal auctioneer). Our contest winners include: Closest to the Pin – Brad Havener; and Longest Drive – Bill Glenn.

Overall, it was a wonderful day and night. Thank you to everyone who supported the event and we cannot wait to see y'all again next year!

# Thanks to our Contributors

Our thanks to those individuals and organizations that have given so much to help The Missy Project. Your contributions make anything possible!



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**In Loving Memory of Rod Heasley**  
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**In Loving Memory of Kevin F. Gallagher**  
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**In Loving Memory of**  
**SSgt Christopher Zimmerman**  
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**In Loving Memory of Joe Naylor**  
Carla, Jessica & Cole Naylor

**In Loving Memory of Debra Gibson**  
**& Mark Bishop**  
*Michael Lindeman*

## Screening Sponsors

<b>Mary Battaglia</b>	<b>1/2 screening</b>
<b>Keith Estes</b>	<b>1 screening</b>
<b>Jeaninne Kay</b>	<b>1/2 screening</b>
<b>The Magel Family</b>	<b>2 screenings</b>
<b>The Oliver Family</b>	<b>2 screenings</b>
<b>Riepe Family Foundation</b>	<b>5 screenings</b>
<b>Jeff &amp; Pam Savage</b>	<b>1 screening</b>
<b>Wayne Weigelt</b>	<b>1 screening</b>

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**Strength and Courage**  
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## The Missy Project Board of Directors & Medical Advisors

Dr. Donna Shepard, OD from Austin Vision Associates has joined the board of The Missy Project. Dr. Shepard has been a volunteer and supporter of The Missy Project since day one. After having a personal experience with brain aneurysm disease, she decided to devote more time to prevention of the disease. We are honored to include her on the board.

### Board of Directors

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*Here are some ways to be creative with charitable giving:*

**Special Occasions:** Consider honoring a special occasion such as a wedding or a birthday with a donation in the name of your special friend. It's a tax deductible way to help The Missy Project.

**Remembrances:** The Missy Project regularly receives donations as memorials for those who have left us. The family as well as the donor will receive acknowledgement of their donation. Their special memorial donation will be listed in our Update.

**Corporate Match Program:** Check with your human resources department to find out if your company matches employee gifts made to charities.



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