

In April, Team Gilead hit the street. Two hundred and forty inspired team members pulled on blue jerseys and ran, or walked, a 4-mile course through the streets of Middletown raising awareness of Gilead and the needs of those struggling with mental health issues. Maybe you were there, running, or walking as part of Team Gilead. But even if you didn't have feet on the pavement that April day, you were there.

You were there, because you've provided the kind of substantial support to Gilead that allowed staff to provide a new experience for Gilead runners. For weeks ahead of the race, Gilead staff worked side by side with individuals who may have found a stroll around the block daunting, much less a four mile run.

You were there, because your generous support allowed individuals, isolated by serious issues, to come together as part of a community. They wore their blue shirts proudly and encouraged one another to keep pace, to keep going, to attain a goal they might have considered impossible.

You were there as they crossed the finish line, beaming and pumping fists as they were handed their medals of participation. You were there, because, without your kindness, concern and selflessness, they might never have spent that sunny April day basking in the applause of those lining the sidewalks cheering on an unlikely accomplishment.

Gilead clients described the race as a gratifying challenge. Jeff said buoyantly that he never felt the kind of support that he did as he ran the hilly Middletown course. Lee said that the blue team propelled him, giving him the motivation to keep running. And James, well he had an epiphany on race day. He realized that the race was like life, around every corner a new challenge, but that with the support of friends and staff, he could overcome each challenge.

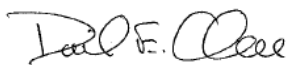
"Love has no finish line," James said.

That love is the love you show each time you decide to provide a gift during the holiday season so that Gilead can do what it does best – foster independence, provide day to day support, offer the simple amenities and comforts of a stable living environment while fostering dignity, strength and confidence in those who face unimaginable hurdles.

This holiday season, we ask you to continue your role as a member of the blue team, Team Gilead, by donating generously once again. Help a Gilead client feel pride in an accomplishment.

It may be a season of green and red, but show your blue team spirit as you help Gilead help others feel a part of something bigger.

Sincerely,



Daniel E. Osborne, CEO



*Gilead clients,
James & Lee, at
the Road Race*

