

Carlile Club will open with benefit for cancer research

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The grand opening of a Columbus dance club will help raise money for cancer research.

Upper Arlington resident Greg Schenk has organized the fundraiser to benefit the Jeff Schenk Memorial Fund for cancer research at Children's Hospital. Jeff Schenk died of cancer in 1977 when he was 15 years old.

"Nobody should have to suffer like that," he said.

Greg Schenk created the memorial fund for his little brother two years ago. He said he decided long ago to give back a little of what he gets.

"I want to try to be a role model to others," Schenk said. "Whatever your cause is, support it. I think that's what life is all about."

Schenk owns a real estate company that exclusively represents tenants and buyers. After each deal he finishes, he said, he makes a contribution to a charity such as the United Way, Junior Achievement or Four Tops.

A recent deal led to a larger opportunity.

Schenk helped Shahrnar Kazemini, who owns the Arlington Cafe, to find and secure a space for his most recent venture — an upscale bar and dance club. The two became friends, and Kazemini allowed Schenk to use his grand opening as a benefit.

The Carlile Club, 445 N. High St., is slated to open its doors for the event from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 22. For a \$100 donation, patrons may be among the first to dance on the club's dropped floor or to order from behind the marble bar upstairs.

The Carlile Club is opening after grand renovations to parts of the century-old Carlile Building, which sits across from the Columbus Convention Center and next to Martin's Restaurant. For example, height was added to the downstairs space by hand-digging out several feet of ground; a few more feet were removed to create the custom dance floor.

Live music, food and an open bar are other attractions at the fundraiser.



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Greg Schenk will mount one more in the battle against cancer when proceeds earned at a benefit opening of the Carlile Club, 445 N. High St., are donated to the Jeff Schenk Memorial Fund. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, Sept. 22.

Half of the cost of admission is tax deductible. Proceeds will go di-

rectly toward finding a cure for cancer.

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"It won't happen soon enough for me," Schenk said.