



Arvind & Christopher

Dear Friends, Family, and Squash Community,

I am writing to you today with hope that you will support "Squash for a Cause" on October 1, 2017.

As many of you know, I play squash and compete regularly in local and regional tournaments. At a tournament in Long Island City in the fall of 2015, I had the opportunity to meet Arvind Lall and his family. As I was playing my first match, down 1-2 in games, a gentleman on the sideline asked my mother if he could talk to me prior to going on court for the next game. He gave me great coaching from his wheelchair and I won the 4th and 5th games with ease.

After the match, my mom and I started talking with this gentleman and his family. After thanking him for his words of wisdom and coaching, we learned how he sustained the injury that put him in the wheelchair. Playing a friendly game of squash in January of 2015, Arvind fell head first into the front wall of the court and was rendered paralyzed. This left quite an impact on the two of us as the prior spring, I had a similar accident and sustained a concussion. After this first meeting and conversation with Arvind, his wife, Fran, and their son, Christopher (also a squash player), we knew that we would be friends for a long time. We wanted to "pay back" the kindness shown to me during that crucial first match.

As luck would have it, the following weekend we were hosting a few of the US Open Squash players in our home and mentioned the meeting with Arvind and his family. We pulled up the article about Arvind on the US Squash website to show our Egyptian superstars: <https://www.ussquash.com/squash-player-paralyzed-community-called-to-action/>. They immediately said that if we could schedule an event for Arvind when they were in the country, they would be happy to join in! Squash for a Cause was born.

We are proud to say that we have a date, time, and place for this special event. Mark your calendars for Sunday, October 1, 2017 from 2:00 – 6:00 pm at The Baldwin School. Some of the best international squash players are coming to play a few hours of squash for a very deserving man, including Omar Mosaad, Mohammed Aboueghar, Zahed Mohammed, and Todd Harrity, just to name a few! There will be raffle items, giveaways to players who meet fundraising goals, and great match play with some of the best competitors in the world. We are engaging squash players of all ages, from all clubs, schools, and areas to join in and be a part of this fun afternoon of play.



Me with Zahed Mohammed & Omar Mosaad

Arvind and Fran have a wonderful connection to the Philadelphia area as they met at Penn while Arvind was attending law school and Fran was an undergraduate. Mrs. Lall continues to teach American History at Great Neck High School, while Arvind continues very difficult therapy to get back on his feet. As you can imagine, the costs associated with such therapies and injury-related expenses are astronomical. This presents a challenge that no family can meet alone.

Shortly after his injury, a fundraising campaign was established in Arvind's honor with Help Hope Live, a trusted nonprofit organization based out of Radnor that has been providing community-based fundraising guidance to help patients and families in need for more than 30 years. Proceeds from Squash for a Cause will benefit this campaign. Donations are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law, are held by Help Hope Live in the New York Spinal Cord Injury Fund, and are administered by Help Hope Live for injury-related expenses only.

To sponsor Squash for a Cause, please access Arvind's campaign page at <https://helphopelive.org/campaign/6328>. Or you can contact myself at chasebrandow@gmail.com, or my mother, Stephanie at sbrandow@verizon.net. If you have any questions that we can answer over the phone, don't hesitate to call: 610-658-3216.

Thanks for taking the time to read this over and I hope we can count on your support for Squash for a Cause!

Kindest regards,
Chase Brandow

Donations made in honor of a specific individual, or in response to campaign solicitations, are restricted by region only and do not obligate Help Hope Live to allocate funds toward a specific individual, as the IRS would deem such donations to be private gifts, which are not tax deductible. Patients receive support according to their medical and financial need. Help Hope Live is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Information: 800.642.8399.

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