

Over \$3 Million Raised and Donated by a Caring Local 597 Family



From left to right are Breccan (in stroller), Megan, Clancy, Gretchen, Rick, Declan (on shoulders), Kian, Catherine, Maya, Richard (holding award), Chris, Mike and Judy Scheck; Bridgett, Jill and Paige Casio at the last Betty Scheck Shuffle.

The Scheck family spanning three generations of pipefitters from Pipefitters Local 597, Chicago, Illinois, has over 150 combined years of service—two generations with the family business, Scheck Industries. Alfred Scheck was a 50-year member, his son Richard is a 48-year member, and Richard's sons Mike, Rick, and Chris are all 15- to 20-year members.

Two years after the heartbreaking passing in 1997 of Betty Scheck, her family decided to honor her spirit and her commitment to finding a cure for cancer by bringing people together each year to celebrate her life and the lives of those who have been touched by this disease. The event began as a walk for cancer, and eventually transitioned into a five-K run and one-mile walk christened the Betty Scheck Shuffle.

The Shuffle has contributed over \$1.5 million to benefit those fighting cancer, and to improve early detection and research initiatives of the American Cancer Society. Pipefitters Local 597 Business Manager Jim Buchanan and members from the local union were valued supporters of the event, not only as a sponsor each year, but also by participating and volunteering for the event over the years.

It was in 2010 that the Scheck Family decided that it would end the event, which spanned 11 years. They would continue to support the American Cancer Society through sponsorships and involvement in other local events in order to continue their advocacy to eradicate cancer.

The Beat Goes On: Scheck Family Donates Restaurant to Enrich Lives of Challenged Senior Citizens

A restaurant in the Chicago suburbs, which once fed thousands of customers every month, now serves 45 seniors with and without developmental disabilities and other special needs on a daily basis. This drastic, yet inspiring change was due to a very generous donation by the founding Scheck family—the restaurant would soon become the Betty Scheck Senior Center.

“I brought the idea to my three sons of donating the property, valued at more than \$1.6 million, in the name of their mother, Betty Scheck. It was probably one of the easiest decisions my sons and I ever made,” Richard Scheck said. “It is one that with every day that goes by, we think this was the right thing to do. We’re very happy we could help people. We had an opportunity to do something for Betty.”

Cicero, Illinois-based Seguin Services, Inc. has been on the receiving end of Scheck donations and Scheck employees volunteering for more than 20 years. President and CEO of Seguin John Voit said, “This is the largest single donation to Seguin in its history, and as our nation faces difficult economic times, it is wonderful to see that philanthropy is still alive and well in the heartland of America.”

“We will always love and remember our mother for the care she extended to others,” said Richard Scheck. “The center is a tribute to her commitment to her family, friends, and to the community.” Throughout the history of Scheck Industries, the Scheck family has upheld an ongoing legacy of community care.

“We are thankful for our success in business,” said Richard Scheck, “and in turn, we believe we should help others by giving back to the community. We’re all in this together.”



The Betty Scheck Senior Center