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## HAEA in Action September Newsletter

### US HAEA Hero Swims Boston's Sharkfest

On September 17th, 2017, and for the fourth consecutive year, Michael Ardito will swim across the harbor while participating in this year's Boston Sharkfest Swim. Seventeen-year-old Michael, is a senior in High School whose step-dad, John Harrington, and sister, Kati Harrington, both have HAE. Michael's team will be the largest so far as he will be joined by friends, neighbors, and his peers.



Michael has witnessed the swelling, pain, and life-threatening dangers of living with Hereditary Angioedema, which motivated him to embark on a multi-year mission to raise awareness and money for research to find a cure for HAE. His family's understanding of HAE led them to take action. They knew the importance of research for a cure. Michael felt he could begin to contribute to HAE awareness, along with his mom, Nicole, and his younger brother, Chris, by participating in a family triathlon.

Michael's quest has included many awareness events and taken him many places. In the past two years, his commitment to and passionate support of HAE research has led him to Washington D.C., where he spoke with members of Congress on behalf of the HAE Association (US HAEA). Michael has also spoken about HAE at many media and charity events.

Michael will be going to college next year and will continue to find ways to raise HAE awareness. Because this his last Boston Sharkfest swim before heading off to college, Michael hopes to make this swim his most memorable yet. We hope that you will support Michael as he accepts the challenge of fundraising for HAE research, raising awareness about the disease, and successfully completing his fourth Boston Sharkfest Swim.

Donate to Sharkfest Today!

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**Presenting the NEW HAEA.org!**

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Our website has a fresh new look! We have been working energetically to update and refresh the US HAEA's website and provide a resource that is both user-friendly and even more valuable for you.

Our continued aim is to deliver an easy way to learn about HAE and the US HAEA's programs and services. The new website is interactive and gives improved access, via a new menu bar, to diverse informational sections, pictures, programs, the latest HAE news and newsletters, and HAEA services. The site also contains integrated social media buttons for Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn to promote continuous communication between you, our members, and the HAEA. We will be constantly updating our content with helpful information, articles, events, and special announcements.

We hope you will find the new website, with its fresh look and easy navigation, a valuable primary resource for all of your HAE information needs. Take the time to look through all of site's many pages and discover what's new with haea.org!

Visit our New Website Today!

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[September 15-17, 2017 – US National Patient Summit, Bloomington, MN](#)

[September 17, 2017 – Boston Sharkfest, Boston, MA](#)

**Save the date for these HAE IN-MOTION 5K..® walk/run events**

[Sunday, September 17, 2017 - Normandale Lake Park, Bloomington, MN](#)

[Saturday, September 23, 2017 - Nomahegan Park, Cranford, NJ](#)

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