ERGF's Beth@40 Virtual R.A.C.E. for the Race 5K

Beth Griffin would be turning 40 on May 1, 2015. While there is little doubt amongst those who knew her that she would be well about making the world a better place, her unfortunate death at age 22 caused by an exposure to a macaque-borne B-virus denied her opportunity to contribute. Beth’s family created the non-profit Elizabeth R Griffin Research Foundation (ERG) to turn her tragedy into an opportunity to better the world by promoting safe research.

With the help of the American Biological Safety Association and professional organizations around the world, ERG is now widely regarded as a significant non-governmental advocate of safe and secure research around the world. ERG has supported the expansion of professional biosafety training, occupational and public health colloquiums, the global development of biosafety associations, leadership development in biorisk management, and the expansion of public awareness in the importance of animal and public health research to economic security.

To celebrate what would be Beth’s 40th, ERG has launched a Beth@40 campaign to globally celebrate progress in biosafety and biosecurity. First, we are asking institutions around the world to have a 40 minute safety celebration in Beth’s memory during the week of 26 April – 02 May 2015. We are encouraging that birthday cake be served and that photos of these events are shared with us through social media.

Next, Beth was a very active young woman so we want researchers and safety personnel around the world to join us in a virtual walk during that same week. The funds raised by this walk and through your donations will help ERG continue support of the development and growth of biosafety and biosecurity around the world. The link for the walk is found at ERGF's Beth@40 Virtual R.A.C.E. for the Race 5K.

The Foundation is appreciative of the continued support it receives from friends around the world. Donations in Beth’s honor can be made directly through the foundation’s website (www.griffinresearch.org) or by mail to ERG, 1225 N Eastman Rd PMB 275, Kingsport, TN 37664 USA. Bank transfer information is available upon request. ERG is a 501(c)3 non-profit foundation. Donations qualify as tax deductible.