



## MEMORIES LIVE

After learning of a local mother who succumbed to cancer, Kerry Glass was moved to action. "The mom was only 39, and her kids were 1 and 3 – roughly the age of my own," explains Glass, a Short Hills' mom and former art therapist. "I thought to myself, these kids won't know the sound of their mother's voice, stories from her point of view, the look of her smile or the sound of her laugh as they grow older. I wanted to create something that could capture and preserve all of that for friends and family of anyone facing a life-limiting illness." That night she shared her thoughts with her husband and Memories Live was born. Two years later the non-profit is busy at work making free-of-charge "life movies" for individuals with terminal illnesses.

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"Before filming, I send my clients a pre-interview packet that's nine pages of questions and conversation starters so they don't feel the pressure of having nothing to say," says Glass, who serves as filmmaker. "But there's not one question about their illness. Our discussion – and their movie – is entirely about celebrating

their life and preserving their legacy for their family." Glass then painstakingly edits the session with photos and music into a personalized narrative filled with the wit and life wisdom of the individual profiled.

"The people I've met have sincerely enriched my life and given me great perspective," says Glass. "It's also cathartic for the people I profile – they often feel so helpless, so to be able to sit with me and talk with me for an hour or two to make a movie as a gift for their family is a very healing process." ■

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