



Fulfilling Tina's Wish

New York partner Andrew Brozman talks to *World* about losing his wife to ovarian cancer and his mission to help fund a breakthrough in early detection.

Every year, nearly a quarter of a million women globally will be diagnosed with ovarian cancer. For many, that diagnosis comes too late. Ovarian cancer is often detected at an advanced stage, when the survival rates are poor.

In 2007 Tina Brozman, a highly regarded US bankruptcy judge and wife of partner Andrew Brozman, died from this form of cancer. Since then, Andrew and their children have set up The Honorable Tina Brozman Foundation for Ovarian Cancer Research, or Tina's Wish, to speed up the search for a breakthrough in detection.

"Before Tina died she asked us to tackle the problem that existed then – and still exists today – that there is no effective means to test a woman for ovarian cancer. She felt this was a tremendous hole in the science," says Andrew.

"She was extraordinarily compassionate, both as a person and as a professional, and she saw the need to make sure other women would not suffer her fate."

The foundation has made an incredible impact in a short space of time. Former President Bill Clinton was guest speaker at an event last spring where he was awarded the

Tina Brozman Global Women's Health Award. Additionally, last year's annual fundraising dinner, which was attended by more than 700 guests, raised \$1.4 million in just one evening.

The money is used to fund promising research, and this year's request for proposals received more than 60 submissions from across the US. Tina's Wish has also created a consortium of researchers from five

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world-class medical institutions to facilitate collaboration among leading scientists in the field. The members meet annually to share research and ideas at the Tina's Wish Medical Symposium.

"This is the achievement we're most proud of," says Andrew. "There is no other institution in this field, other than the Department of Defense and the National Institute of Health, which has created such a consortium. I think collaborative work is the future of science and it is something on which we're very focused.

"As President Clinton put it – if we solve the early detection riddle

for ovarian cancer, we will solve this disease. Everything else becomes superfluous."

The impact of Tina's Wish is testament to the person Tina was. As well as a wonderful wife and mother, Andrew describes her as a "leading light" in the legal profession.

MAKING A WISH COME TRUE

LEFT TO RIGHT: ANDREW BROZMAN, FORMER PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON, AND ANDREW AND TINA'S CHILDREN NICHOLAS AND ALIX BROZMAN

"Tina was probably the best-known bankruptcy judge in the world. She worked on the notorious Robert Maxwell communication cases in New York and London, and devised a protocol for cross-border co-operation, which ultimately became a model law adopted by the UN and by many countries, including the US.

"She was highly regarded and well-liked by the Bar, so when we started Tina's Wish we were warmly embraced by the financial restructuring community and were able to jumpstart our efforts."

Clifford Chance has done its bit too, donating free office space at our New York practice for the day-to-day running of the Foundation. "The Firm has been so supportive of our work every single year," says Andrew.

With his own career in law coming to an end, Andrew is looking forward to dedicating more time to Tina's Wish and other charitable causes with which he's affiliated.

"When somebody close to you dies in the prime of their life, you begin to understand how fragile our existence is. It requires you to look very critically at how you want to spend your life and where you want to devote your energy.

"I think Tina would be extraordinarily gratified by what we've achieved in her honour. It's why she entrusted this important work to close friends and family; she knew our level of commitment would be unparalleled.

"I think Tina would be pleased with what we've accomplished, but not be satisfied until we've reached our goal. And we intend not to stop until we've achieved a tangible result." **W**



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