



Family holds walkathon in memory of son, brother



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VALPARAISO | Sue Nagubadi and her daughters want to give a voice to those who cannot speak. So the three have created the Vinod Naguadi Nonprofit Corp.

Vinod was Nagubadi's son who died suddenly at 28 years old.

"He was a very emotional boy who loved animals," Nagubadi said.

The three wanted to do something in Vinod's honor and came up with the nonprofit group to raise money for other groups. The group is holding a walkathon beginning at 9 a.m. Aug. 15 at Butterfield Pavilion. The walk runs to noon. At noon there will be speeches, games and music. A silent auction begins at 3 p.m. along with an announcement of the walk's winners. Closing ceremony begins at 4 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for walkers and \$50 for vendors. Those who don't want to walk but want to support the cause pay \$5.

Proceeds will benefit Family & Youth Services Bureau and the Porter County Animal Control Shelter.

"We want to raise awareness of these causes and give a voice to those who have no voice like children and animals," Nagubadi said.

Nagubadi and her daughters, Nitha and Hashi, remember Vinod as an extremely giving person.

"He exemplified our mission to help others in need," Nitha said. "Throughout his life he gave above and beyond and did things with gratitude."

Nagubadi remembers her son as an old soul.

"He respected life and people," she said. "He always made people feel like they were good and smart."

Nagubadi knows her son would have made a difference and that is what their nonprofit wants to do ... make a difference in the community.

For information about the walkathon, call (219) 508-5551 or e-mail vinodnonprofit@gmail.com

