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Michael's Cause

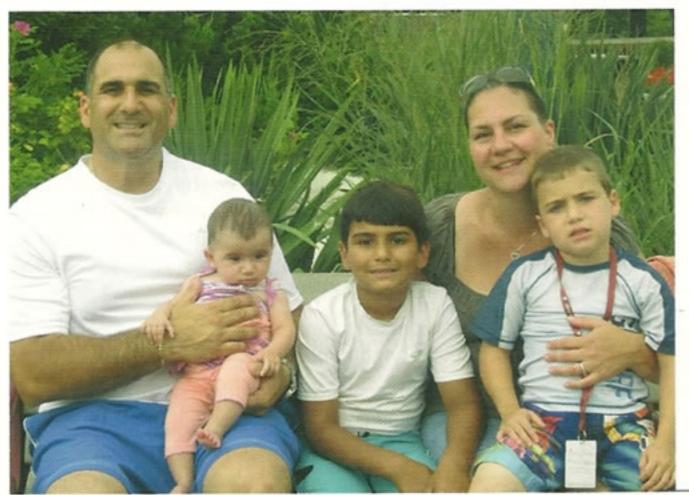
Sgt. Robert Capolongo, a 14-year veteran assigned to the Intelligence Division, and his wife Theresa, a nurse at Staten Island University Hospital, had their lives turned upside down when one of their three children, 5-year-old Michael, was diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy in November 2010.

Duchenne, which afflicts 1 in 3,500 boys, is the leading fatal genetic childhood disease in the world. It is caused by the body's inability to make a protein called dystrophin, which is an essential ingredient in muscle

cells and acts as a shock absorber. Without the protein, the muscles become increasingly weak and eventually die.

As the Capolongo family hopes and prays for a cure, they have created a foundation called "Michael's Cause" to raise awareness, as well as desperately needed research funding for Duchenne. The organization's first Spring for a Cure dinner dance was held in Staten Island on March 30.

More information can be obtained at www.michaelscause.org or donations can be mailed to Michael's Cause, PO Box 120323, Staten Island, NY 10312.



Robert & Theresa Capolongo with their lovely children, Victoria Rose, Bobby & Michael.