



## **Russo Bros. & Co. – Give Back!**

Russo Bros. & Co. believes in supporting its employees and causes that are important to them. This year, in addition to our annual "Plumbers in Pink" breast cancer promotion, we will also be making a contribution to the **United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation**, a charity that has affected an employee of ours and his loved ones. "Having lost a child to Mitochondrial Disease makes bringing awareness personal. All contributions are precious and finding a cure is necessary. While it will not bring back our child it will someday save another child. Contributions are needed and used for research, testing, education and someday a CURE!!" by Mrs. Pisarczyk.

### **About UMDF:**

United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF) Mitochondria exist in nearly every cell of the human body, producing 90 percent of the energy the body needs to function. In a person with mitochondrial disease, the mitochondria are failing and cannot convert food and oxygen into life-sustaining energy. For many, mitochondrial disease is an inherited genetic condition, while for others the body's mitochondria can be affected by other environmental factors.

The parts of the body that need the most energy, such as the heart, brain, muscles and lungs, are the most affected by mitochondrial disease. The affected individual may have strokes, seizures, gastro-intestinal problems, (reflux, severe vomiting, constipation, diarrhea), swallowing difficulties, failure to thrive, blindness, deafness, heart and kidney problems, muscle failure, heat/cold intolerance, diabetes, lactic acidosis, immune system problems and liver disease.

(Above excerpts were taken from [umdf.org](http://umdf.org))

Russo Bros. will be contributing \$10 from each service call performed between August 15<sup>th</sup> and September 15<sup>th</sup>. Our donation will be made in time for the **UMDF Awareness Week which is September 18-24<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you & we look forward to making a difference!

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