

LILLIE'S Q Fundraiser

Charlie McKenna, chef and owner of Lillie's Q that serves award-winning competition BBQ along with Southern favorites in Bucktown (1856 W North Ave), will sell bracelets throughout the month of June that come with perks at the restaurant to honor his aunt who died of breast cancer.

Chef McKenna's aunt, Katherine McKenna Brothers, died in 2000 after a seven-year battle with breast cancer. Charlie's father, Quito (who was Katherine's brother), and his uncle, Chris Brothers (who was Katherine's husband), set up The Katherine McKenna Brothers Scholarship Fund several years ago. The fund provides scholarship money for students at the all-women's school Brenau University in Gainesville, Georgia, where Katherine received her undergrad degree.

“ My aunt was born in June, so that's why we're honoring her with this special fundraising effort for the entire month,” Charlie McKenna said. “She was a tremendous inspiration to me, and I miss her and think about her every single day. We're hoping to raise \$10,000 for her scholarship fund this June. If we hit that goal with the help of our customers, it'll mean more to me than any award. ”

Patrons who donate at least \$10 will receive one of the pink silicone gel bracelets -- which feature the Lillie's Q name, Katherine's initials (KMB), and a pig - and will also receive 10% off all their tabs at Lillie's Q for the lifetime of the restaurant. The only stipulation is that patrons must be wearing the bracelet to get the discount. Patrons who donate at least \$50 will receive one of the pink silicone gel bracelets, 10% off all their tabs at Lillie's Q for the lifetime of the restaurant, and one future reservation at Lillie's Q. Lillie's Q does not accept reservations otherwise. The only stipulation is that patrons must be wearing the bracelet to get the discount and reservation.