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Breakfast event to help man with Huntington's

MERRIMACK -- The second annual **United We Stand For Jason** breakfast will be held from 8 to 10 a.m. Saturday at American Legion Memorial Post 98, on Baboosic Lake Road next to the police station.

Jason Hilton played on the Merrimack High School champion football team in 1987. He was later diagnosed with Huntington's disease.

Proceeds will go to **United We Stand For Jason**, a local nonprofit organization. Last year's event raised \$1,300.

The high school football booster group, The Quarterback Club, hosts the fundraiser.

"People can meet current and past football players, including **Jason Hilton**," said club president Don Doucette.

Hilton was diagnosed with Huntington's disease, and the community has rallied around him in the years since.

Huntington's is defined by the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Strokes as a "genetically programmed degeneration of nerve cells in certain areas of the brain. This degeneration causes uncontrolled movements, loss of intellectual faculties and emotional disturbance."

There is no cure yet.

For more information, go to www.unitedwestandforjason.org. or www.merrimackfootball.com.