

A Crowdfunding Black Belt for the Radius Martial Arts Academy

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/EINPresswire.com/ -- The Passaros are a busy family. There's the day job, there's taking care of the kids (three under the age of six), there's the hectic schedule. But instead of a frantic life lived inside the confines of a crammed calendar, a fate that has befallen so many families who run from soccer to dance to gymnastics, the Passaros have something that keeps them in balance. For eight years, Lisa and Travis Passaro and their three kids have been a part of a nurturing community that has occupied a sacred space in an environment of trust, respect, and personal growth. And physical health, because this remarkable sanctuary where the Passaro family has found a second home is the [Radius Martial Arts Academy](#) (formerly The Center Martial Arts).

Before their kids were born, the Passaros bonded with the other students at the school, drawn in by the sense of purpose and the welcoming friendship. As they became parents, they wanted their children to experience the unique atmosphere of the school, and as the kids grew, the ties of fellowship became even stronger. A feeling of family grew among the martial arts students who

sparred, competed, kick boxed, and learned self-defense.

But when they learned that the owners of the studio planned to retire and close the martial arts school, Passaro recalls, "We were devastated . . . it felt as though my parents were telling me that they were divorcing . . . that I was losing my home away from home." The academy was small enough to be cozy, and focused enough to be professional. The students who trained there shared the same feeling of loss, wondering where they could go to replicate the transforming experience they had at The Center Martial Arts.



When a family feels that strongly about a place that has become special to them, they can't just let it go. So the Passaros talked it over. With those three children and a modest lifestyle, they weren't sure that they could take on something like this. But they figured that it was time to go out on a limb in support of something that they are passionately connected to, in order to preserve a community and a culture that has a great deal of meaning for a number of people.

They're going to need help. Their goal is to raise \$5000 in an [Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign](#) so that this



family- and community-oriented martial arts school can stay open and continue to be a center where mind, body, and spirit find harmony.

Training in Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu, traditional Muay Thai kickboxing, strength and conditioning, karate and jiu-jitsu for children, and [self-defense seminars](#) builds a physical self-discipline that inspires confidence and personal assurance. The Passaros regard martial arts as a life-enhancing regimen, not only for their family and their fellow students, but also for those who might not otherwise have the chance to be a part of something this rewarding.

The Passaros intend to develop inclusive programming that welcomes all members of the community, particularly those with autism or other special needs. "It is our wish," says Passaro, "to maintain this amazing community resource." The martial arts school has already presented self-defense seminars for high-school females, teaching them the techniques that will enable them to protect themselves when they only weapon they have is their own training and ability.

The martial arts are about much more than earning a black belt. At the Radius Martial Arts Academy, training in the physical techniques leads to a deeper level of mental and spiritual strength. Keeping the school open to the community earns crowdfunding donors a black belt in community support.

About Radius Martial Arts Academy

Radius Martial Arts Academy (www.radiusmartialarts.com) offers martial arts training in Brazilian jiu-jitsu, Muay Thai, karate and jiu-jitsu for kids, strength and conditioning, and self-defense. The school behind the big red doors has nurtured a culture of open-mindedness and respect for all students, who were encouraged to build their strengths, understand their weaknesses, and work together to create a community of support. Travis and Lisa Passaro, have begun an Indiegogo crowdfunding campaign to preserve a community and a culture that means very much to many people.

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