

Q&A

## Carson Daly joins his mom to fight breast cancer

As the host of NBC's *Last Call*, Carson Daly is known for his dry sense of humor, his smirk and those big, blue eyes. But the 31-year-old talk-show host is serious about his participation in Lifetime Television's breast-cancer public-awareness campaign. His mother, Pattie Daly Caruso, is a breast-cancer survivor.

**Q:** Your mother was diagnosed seven years ago. How did it affect you?


**A:** I had just moved to New York to start my career with MTV. It was the farthest I had ever been from home in California. But hosting a show where teenagers are excited to watch the latest Britney Spears video is a tough gig when your mother has just come down with this horrible disease.

**Q:** Your mom is healthy today. Do you see yourself as someone who can get young guys involved in the fight against breast cancer?

**A:** Mostly, I want to tell people what my family went through. And if you have a girlfriend, a sister or a mom, you can remind them to get checked or just be there for them. Young guys are all obsessed with boobs, anyway!

**Q:** When Conan O'Brien takes over *The Tonight Show* in 2009, are you hoping for his current time slot?

**A:** When you do a show that is on after 2 a.m. — when America is asleep — it's natural to hope that you'll go on one day when they are only half-asleep!



Carson's mom, Pattie, is a TV talk-show host in Palm Springs, Calif.