

## **Summer / Fall 2009**

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to request the donation of an item to auction for this year's Miracles in the Moonlight Gala, benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF). This year's gala will take place on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Sawgrass Marriott with the theme of "A Mothers Wish." We will be honoring mothers of children with diabetes, mothers that have diabetes and an overall celebration of women. Monies raised from the event will go toward funding the most promising research of diabetes and its complications.

**Would you be able to donate an item to help us raise money to fund research for diabetes and its complications?**

Should you contribute, we will provide a detailed description of your item and your company name in the event program that all guests receive and review throughout the evening. It's a great opportunity for visibility in an audience of a far-reaching network of socially conscious, upper-income, influential "movers and shakers."

**If you are able to contribute, please complete the enclosed procurement form detailing the specifics of your donation and send back to the JDRF office via fax, mail or you may also email me the information.**

As you know, type 1 diabetes is a disease which mainly strikes in childhood and lasts a lifetime. It requires multiple injections of insulin daily or a continuous infusion of insulin through a pump. Insulin, however, is not a cure, nor does it prevent its eventual and devastating complications, which may include kidney failure, blindness, heart disease, stroke, and amputation. Our goal is to find a cure for type 1 diabetes, where all people living with diabetes would benefit by not having the fear or reality of complications and would be able to live a much healthier life. It is a dream that we hope to make a reality and thank you in advance for your continued help in working to achieve this.

I know that times are extremely difficult right now in our economy and thank you so very much in advance for anything you can do to help JDRF accomplish our goal of raising \$200,000 for research through this year's gala, because diabetes isn't getting a break – neither will our efforts.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like additional information. I may be reached at (904) 739-2101 or via email at [wsmith@jdrf.org](mailto:wsmith@jdrf.org). Thanks so very much in advance for your consideration. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Wendy Smith  
Special Events Coordinator  
Mom to Sammy, Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at Age 7

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