

## **JDRF – North Florida Staff**

### **Brooks Biagini, Executive Director**

Brooks Biagini joined the JDRF family in March of 2006. A graduate of the University of Florida, Biagini studied advertising at the university's College of Journalism and Communications. Before joining JDRF, she worked with the Arthritis Foundation of Northeast Florida where, during her five-year tenure, she served in several capacities including special events coordinator, program manager and regional manager. Prior to entering the nonprofit sector, Biagini worked as marketing coordinator for a NASCAR Winston Cup team where she gained invaluable experience in the sales, marketing and presentation arena.

Although she does not have an immediate connection to type 1 diabetes, Biagini does have extended family members and friends who battle the disease every day. She yearns to find a cure so that the many children, adults and their families will be set free of daily finger pricks, insulin injections and the fear and reality of complications.

### **Lauren Setzer, Development Coordinator**

Lauren Setzer came to JDRF with three years of experience in event planning, fundraising and volunteer management at the University of Maryland Medical System Foundation in Baltimore. Prior to this, she attended Dickinson College where she earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology.

Through her education and experience, Setzer is responsible for producing walks, galas, golf events and direct mail campaigns; managing databases; developing and overseeing budgets; creating and presenting marketing plans and updates to groups; and successfully managing relationships and communication with volunteers, donors and constituents. She is also a member of the Association for Fundraising Professionals.

### **Pam Williams, Administrative Assistant**

Pam Williams joined JDRF in January 2008, though the staff has been a part of her family for several years. Her daughter, Emily, was diagnosed with type 1 when she was five years old.

Before Williams had any connection to diabetes, she was an avid supporter of the JDRF cause, attending the Walk to Cure Diabetes as a team captain and recruiting fellow Publix co-workers to join her. After six years she retired from Publix to relieve some family stressors and to monitor the everyday challenges associated with her daughter's condition. Now, Williams considers herself to be "blessed to be a part of JDRF and do things everyday that will someday help find a cure" for her daughter and others who have type 1 diabetes.

## **Gala Co-Chairs**

### **Jennie Scott**

A board member of the North Florida chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, Scott has chaired the Miracles in the Moonlight Gala for the past three years, and works tirelessly to raise funds to help find a cure for diabetes.

Scott's son, Tyler, was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes when he was 11 years old. Her wish is to see her son grow into a man who does not let type 1 diabetes stop him from obtaining his goals, whether it is excelling in sports or becoming a father with a career.

She is a member of the Crossroad United Methodist Church and volunteers at her children's schools, as well as serving as the office manager for Scott Alarm, a Jacksonville family-owned business.

Scott lives in Mandarin with her husband of 20 years, Tim, her sons, Lavioris, 23, and Tyler, 17, and daughter, Katie, 13.

### **Jennifer Pierson Trednick**

A native of Orlando, Jennifer Pierson Trednick was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at the age of 12. She began insulin pump therapy when she was only 17 years old, the youngest person in Florida to be on the pump at that time.

A graduate of Florida State University, Trednick was very involved on campus, committed to not letting diabetes stop her from experiencing an active college life. After graduating, she moved to Jacksonville and began a career in pharmaceutical sales with Hoffmann-La Roche, and then Pfizer Pharmaceuticals.

After having her two children, Jennifer started a residential design business, Joujou Inc., in an effort to achieve a family-work life balance. Joujou has successfully served Northeast Florida and Southeast Georgia for more than eight years.

Trednick and her husband are active members at their church, Lakewood United Methodist, where they have taught 5<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school for nine years. She is an active volunteer and substitute teacher at her children's school and also sings in an adult contemporary ensemble group.

The Tredenicks live in San Marco with their two children Beau, 12, and Clara, 10.