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Five Local Women Will Be Honored at this Year's Miracles in the Moonlight Gala
Themed "A Mother's Wish" to Benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Jacksonville, Fla. – (September 18, 2009) – On Saturday, October 3rd, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) North Florida Chapter will honor five local mothers at the 9th Annual Miracles in the Moonlight Gala, themed "A Mother's Wish." The black-tie optional event will take place at the Sawgrass Marriott in Ponte Vedra Beach and starts with a cocktail reception and silent auction at 6 pm.

Mothers being honored include: Anastasia Albanese-O'Neill of Gainesville, Leslie Burkhalter and Jennifer Trednick of San Jose, Susan Luce of Ponte Vedra Beach and Jennie Scott of Mandarin.

Each of the women being honored either has a child with type 1 diabetes or has type 1 diabetes themselves and has committed to raise \$10,000 or more to contribute to the overall success of this year's fundraiser.

"Because of the challenging economic times among corporations and families in our community, these women have stepped up to the plate to help JDRF fill anticipated gaps in fundraising with a decline we're facing among corporate partners. Each have committed to raise \$10,000 or more by selling tables, individual tickets, securing donations called Fund A Cure where 100% go directly toward research and also through auction item procurement. The passion and commitment that these women exude is truly heartfelt and is so uplifting in such hard times. Each are committed to helping research of diabetes and its complications progress with no excuses and to overcome all challenges as difficult as it may be and JDRF is so very grateful to them and to all community supporters," said Brooks Biagini, Executive Director of JDRF North Florida.

This year's gala, presented by Vistakon and the PGA TOUR has a goal of raising \$217,000 to support research of Type 1 diabetes and its complications for the Foundation. Organizers of the event promise a good time for guests that will include a cocktail reception, three course dinner with wine service, spectacular live and silent auctions, live entertainment by Jacksonville's favorite jazz quartette Class Act and dancing with the help of professionals from A Social Affair. Hosting the evening will be Charlene Shirk, Director of Community Relations for the PGA TOUR. Individual tickets may be purchased for \$175 by contacting JDRF at bbiagini@jdrf.org or (904) 739-2101.

JDRF is additionally grateful to the following sponsors of this year's Gala: 88.1 The Promise, Accu-Chek, AlliedBarton Security, Baptist Health, Blume's, Class Act, Albanese-ONEill' Family, Luce Family, Jacksonville Magazine, Jenn Hopkins Photography, Jou Jou Interior Design, Kuhn Flowers, Lender Processing Services, Litt Family, Merrill Klutcha Design, MPS Group, Nemours Children's Clinic, ORation Consulting Group, PGA TOUR, Raymond James & Associates, Safariland, Scott Alarm & Family, Trednick Family and Vistakon.

Additional information on the gala and on the organization may be found at <http://www.jdrfnorthflorida.org>.

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Picture Attached: 2009 JDRF Gala Honorees – "The Moms"

From Left to Right: Jennie Scott, Leslie Burkhalter, Anastasia Albanese-ONEill', Jennifer Trednick, Susan Luce
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