

Gans Family Carnival

On Sunday, May 18 more than 200 enthusiastic families, friends and neighbors, enjoyed the fourth annual carnival the Gans family of Scarsdale hosted at their house for JDRF. This year's event raised more than \$44,000 for T1D research with a four year total to date of \$137,000.

The Gans family transformed their backyard into a carnival setting with bounce houses, slides, carnival games, face painting, tattoos and plenty of delicious food and drinks.



Jeremy and Lisa Gans of Scarsdale, NY

Families like the Gans are helping to bring about the day when T1D does not exist. JDRF applauds their commitment and support.



Fun was had by all at the annual Gans Family Carnival!

Halas 10th Annual Paint-A-Pumpkin Festival

The tenth annual Paint-A-Pumpkin event was held under a bright blue sky on Sunday, October 19 at the Halas Farm Market in Danbury. Hundreds of people turned out to enjoy all the activities: hayrides, pumpkin painting, great food, wonderful raffles, and musical entertainment. Kids had fun jumping in the bounce houses, taking pony rides and touring a fire engine. This year



The Halas family: Mike, Madison, Michael, Laura and Emma

over \$26,000 was raised for T1D research! JDRF extends their appreciation to the Halas family for their overwhelming support of JDRF.

Watch our event calendar in upcoming issues for the date of the 2015 Paint-A-Pumpkin Festival. You don't want to miss this great event!

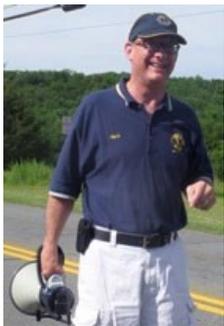


Photos contributed by Mary Harold

Strides to Cure Diabetes

The eighth annual Brookfield Lions Club/JDRF Strides to Cure Diabetes Walk and Run was held on Sunday, June 8 in Brookfield. Due to major renovations of the town park, this year the walk was held at Brookfield High School. With perfect weather and a lovely, picturesque area of town, more than 100 runners and approximately 350 walkers enjoyed the sunshine and raised over \$8,700 for JDRF and our mission to cure, treat and prevent T1D.

The Brookfield YMCA joined forces with JDRF and the Brookfield Lions Club to help raise funds and awareness. They brought great information about the importance of a



Mark Lyon of Brookfield, CT

healthy diet and exercise along with resources to make it easier for people to incorporate into their daily routines. Special thanks to Maureen Farrell and Lisa O'Connor from the Brookfield Y.

JDRF thanks Mark Lyon of the Brookfield Lions Club, JDRF Board member, Tammy Lee Dunn, and committee members, Barbara Mandell, and Kathy and John Varda for their dedication to this successful event.

JDRF extends gratitude to this year's Strides supporters and sponsors: Webster Bank, Colonial Automobile, United Alarm, Woodbridge Running Company, Diamond Electric, Matson Financial Advisors, Designs & Signs, Greystonercing.net, Bevi-Bags, Nestlé Waters/Poland Spring, Shop Rite, and Kevin and Linda Coyle



Team YMCA

Please mark your calendars for the ninth annual Strides to Cure Diabetes on Sunday, June 7, 2015.



Team Talia is ready to go



Hundreds of walkers enjoy the sunny day in Brookfield CT

Photos contributed by Tammy Dunn

Summer Slam

The seventh Annual Jay Lamando Summer Slam took place from July 25 to July 27 at Robinson Lane Park in Wappingers Falls, NY. A total of 42 teams, competing in 7 different age brackets, participated in this weekend baseball tournament. Congratulations to all the winners: Hit and Run Highlanders (9u, 12u, 14u, 16u, 18u); HV Bulldogs (10u); HV Vipers (11u). Jay's former players entered their own team dedicated to Jay and won the 18u age bracket!

Many volunteers, supporters and local businesses, led by Chris Schoen of Hit and Run Sports, help to make this event a huge success for JDRF – raising more than \$8,000 this year for a total of over \$140,000 in the past 6 years.



The first pitch was thrown out and play began on July 25 at Summer Slam.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the history of the annual Summer Slam and Jay Lamando.

Noah's Ride

On Sunday, May 18 hundreds of riders got on their bikes and rode up to 40 miles while supporting the Westchester/Fairfield/Hudson Valley chapter of JDRF. Other participants enjoyed a 4 mile family fun ride or walk. Bikeway of Wappingers Falls hosted the walk/ride at Freedom Park, Lagrange, NY.

Nancy and Tom McManus, of Wappingers Falls, help Bikeway to coordinate the event and fundraise for their #1 charity-JDRF. The event raised over \$6,400. JDRF extends thanks and congratulations to all those who participated this year.



Tom & Nancy McManus



The riders are ready to go.

Best of Westchester

JDRF was honored as the charity beneficiary at the 2014 Best of Westchester party on Wednesday, July 23, at the Glen Harbour Island Club in Scarsdale NY. Thousands of people turned out for this exciting annual event, on a balmy summer evening, that featured delicious food and beverage tastings, dance performances, and product giveaways—truly the best of the best in Westchester!

JDRF received the proceeds from tickets sold through the chapter and the proceeds from the silent auction which collectively raised over \$10,000. The chapter will again be honored as charity beneficiary in 2015.



Click [here](#) to view more photos of Best of Westchester 2014.

Charity Poker Classic



The fourth annual "Julia's Angels" Poker Classic was held on Saturday, April 12 at the Mt. Kisco Holiday Inn. More than 100 men and women helped to raise \$5,000 for JDRF this year. A silent auction grabbed the excitement of those

who attended. Items included sports memorabilia, tickets to participate in future charity poker tournaments, sports tickets and electronics galore. The day was enjoyed by many area poker enthusiasts.

We extend our thanks to the tournament host, Larry Langlois, and to the Nestle Company for their continuing support of this event and JDRF. Click [here](#) to learn more about Julia's Angels Poker Classic.



SoWe Food & Wine Festival

The Southern Westchester Food & Wine Festival (SoWe) was held on September 19 – 21 in White Plains, Mamaroneck and Scarsdale. JDRF was chosen as a beneficiary of the festival that featured a wide variety of food from 150 local restaurants and food trucks as well as 300 wine and craft beer tastings. The festival weekend was jam packed. Friday night offered a SoWe "Celebrity Chef Battle" featuring Rocco DiSpirito & Dave DiBari vs. Graham Elliot & Franklin Becker. Top Chef Semi-Finalist Sam Talbot, who has T1D, held a cooking demo and Q & A on Sunday in the Scarsdale village. Chef Talbot is the author of a cookbook: "The Sweet Life: Diabetes without Boundaries".



Crowds turned out to sample delicious food & wine at SoWe.

Runners Support JDRF

NYC ½ Marathon—Congratulations to Dan Sirota, of New Rochelle NY, for running the NYC ½ marathon and raising \$2,500 for JDRF. Great job Dan.

NYC Marathon—Congratulations to Mark Plescia, of Grahamsville NY, and Lauren Field, of Fairfield CT, for running the NYC Marathon for JDRF. Their stamina, strength and commitment is an inspiration.

Disney Marathon—Best wishes and thanks go to Bethany Horne, of Fairfield CT, and Michael Parsons, of Greenwich CT, for their upcoming participation in the 2015 Disney Marathon in Florida. Bethany has participated in the Disney Marathon in the past and last year raised over \$2,700 while running 40 miles for JDRF.

Dr. Joseph Rosa, of Trumbull, will also be participating in the 2015 Disney Marathon to support JDRF.

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Disney Marathon.



Fashionable Fundraisers



On Wednesday, April 2, Alex and Ani hosted a JDRF shopping night at the Rye, NY and Westport, CT locations. The event was a big success with many shoppers and JDRF supporters stopping in to pick up gifts for Mother's Day and graduations. Volunteers were on hand to answer questions and raise awareness of T1D.



The stores offered refreshments for the shoppers and Alex and Ani donated \$317 to JDRF.

The Westport store hosted another charity shopping event for JDRF on Thursday, October 23 with plans for more in 2015.

Fashion Shows

This year we were the charity beneficiary of two local fashion shows.

Gabrielle Fanizzi and Steven Saverino, seniors at Mount St. Mary College in Newburgh, NY, hosted Strut for a Cause, a fashion show to raise awareness and funds for JDRF, on Thursday, April 3. The fashion



show began with cute, casual styles and transitioned to elegant evening wear with a break in between for an informational JDRF video. The event raised over \$1,200 and the students helped to raise awareness of what it is like to live with T1D.



The second event, "Spring Fashions", was hosted by the Ladies Philoptochos Society, of Poughkeepsie, NY. The event showcased fashions from Talbots and raised over \$2,500 for JDRF.

MIXOLOGY



On Wednesday, October 15, Mixology Clothing Company, in Rye NY, decorated their store in blue for a give back to JDRF shopping day.

Mixology donated 10% of the day's sales to JDRF and shoppers received a 10% discount on the latest fashions. Gabby Edwards, store owner, and Jackie Fodiman, store manager, were delighted to support JDRF as many of their customers and friends have children who live with T1D.



Vineyard Vines held a Day of Giving, on Thursday, April 24, and each of the three Fairfield County stores donated 10% of the day's sales. JDRF staff members were at the New Canaan, Westport and Greenwich locations to greet shoppers, answer questions and discuss upcoming JDRF community events. Shoppers enjoyed refreshments while they shopped for spring and summer attire. This event raised \$900 For T1D research.



JDRF extends our thanks and gratitude to Alex and Ani, Vineyard Vines, Gabrielle Fanizzi and Steven Saverino, the Ladies Philoptochos Society, and Mixology for their support of JDRF's mission to find a cure for T1D and its complications through research.

Special thanks to our National Partners

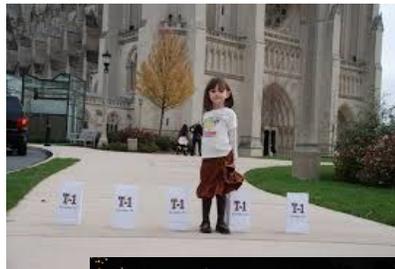


JDRF is proud to have the support of our national partners. Please stop in and thank the manager at your local stores.

Carl Zuckerberg, of Westport CT, stopped in to visit Will Smith, manager of the Advanced Auto Parts store at 295 Westport Avenue in Norwalk. There were so many JDRF paper sneakers, they could not fit them all into the picture.

T-1 Enlightenment

Once again, people from around the world who live with T1D, along with family and friends, lit T-1 Luminaries to enlighten the world and raise awareness of the need for a cure. From Westport, CT to Sydney Australia, luminaries were lit on November 5. Many thanks to the Zuckerberg family for coordinating the national T-1 Enlightenment event. To learn more about this annual event, visit t-1luminary.org



TEAM JDRF TO CURE DIABETES

Turn your favorite hobby, sport, or social event into a fundraising campaign that will bring us closer to a world without T1D.



Team JDRF is more than events

Life milestones, physical goals, memorials – with our free fundraising tools, anyone can create a world without T1D.

Team JDRF to Cure Diabetes, our grassroots fundraising program, helps you combine your personal interests and passions with your commitment to raise money for T1D research. With our help, you can turn a favorite hobby, sport, community project, or social event into a fundraising campaign.

Get active, get creative, get started

Whether you're seeking an endurance event that challenges you physically, a personal campaign that conveys your story, or a group event that connects you locally, Team JDRF has an option for you:

- [Team JDRF Challenge](#). Gain entry into a premier running event when you raise money with Team JDRF.
- [Individual Fundraising Campaign](#). Start a personal campaign that fits your interests, time, and talents.
- [Community Events](#). Find or start a group event that gathers people together to have fun while making a difference.

Every dollar you raise will help JDRF to create a world without T1D.

Contact Jill Waller at jwaller@jdrf.org to learn more about Team JDRF and how we can help.



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