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**Rock Against Diabetes, NW Benefit Concert Press Release.**  
**Rock N' Roll supports kids with diabetes**

On Saturday, November 10<sup>th</sup>, 2007 from noon-10pm McMenamin's Kennedy School will be hosting the 4th annual **Rock Against Diabetes, NW**. It is a benefit concert for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) and Gales Creek Camp for kids with diabetes. It's an all-ages show. \$10-20 donation accepted at the door. McMenamin's Kennedy School is located at 5736 NE 33<sup>rd</sup> in Portland.

With multiple bands there is sure to be something for everyone! Some of the bands that are generously donating their time and support are: Weight of Atlas, The Mystic Canyon Band, My Fellow Traveller, Amanda Richards, Dead Beetles, Scotland Barr & the Slow Drags, Still Pending, Joshua James, Fuzzball, The Lonesomes, Sketchy Ted, and Mission 5.

Musicians, family, friends, and supporters all appear for one reason, to support those families and kids who live with diabetes everyday. Tom and Jennifer Kilman, the organizers of the event, came up with the idea for the concert after their son Henry was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 2 1/2. "We wanted to do something proactive" says Henry Kilman's mom Jennifer.

People with Type 1 diabetes will spend a majority of their lives if not their entire lives poking their fingers several times a day to test their blood sugar...and it does hurt. They will also have to get multiple daily injections of insulin either by syringe or by insulin pump. These treatments, although much less intrusive than in years past, are still very intrusive. Fingers, arms, legs, abdomen, rear end covered in bruises, lumps, and scars from injection sights. These are the lucky kids, the ones that get treatment regularly, the ones that get the care they need to live healthy lives. Insulin, however, is not a cure for diabetes, nor does it prevent its eventual and devastating complications which may include kidney failure, blindness, heart disease, stroke, and amputation. They can look forward to a life expectancy shortened by as much as 15 years due to the wear and tear diabetes has wrought on their bodies.

There many devastating diseases in our world right now. The difference with juvenile diabetes is that wiping it out of existence is extremely attainable and within reach. “When is my diabetes going to go away?” It’s a painful question to answer looking at a child’s beaming and hopeful eyes. So please come and join us at McMenemy’s Kennedy School on Saturday November 10<sup>th</sup> to enjoy some great music and raise money for an excellent cause.

**Rock Against Diabetes** is not just a concert, it is a grass roots campaign to spread awareness and raise money for agencies that support research and work on improving the lives of those who live with diabetes. Please visit [www.rockagainstdiabetes.net](http://www.rockagainstdiabetes.net) to learn more about the campaign.

Thank you,

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