

## Newsletter      Volume 25      April 2008

Grant Watts Elementary School in Scappoose raised approx. \$3,800. during their JDRF Kids Walk to Cure Diabetes. I am proud to say that thanks to family and friends George was the number 1 fundraiser in the school raising \$272.00. The school will receive about \$380 and the JDRF will get the remainder. It was a great fundraiser and the kids really seemed to enjoy themselves. We hung a couple hundred paper sneakers in the school hallway...it was great! We would like to thank everyone who donated to both Henry and George...they both met their fundraising goals. We are very proud of the support our family, friends and community have shown.

We are starting to plan our 2008 benefit concert. We plan on having our RAD, NW 2008 benefit concert at the Crystal Ballroom in Portland in November. We like November because that is the month Henry was diagnosed and it is also National Diabetes Awareness Month; so you see a lot more information in the media. If you think you can help in some way please contact us! We have some big ideas but we need some committed volunteers to help out.

Every year we continue to grow both in size and in revenue. If you have any suggestions on how we can improve the event they would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to volunteer for next year in some capacity that would also be great. We would like to have a committee of people for next year including sound techs, emcees, press agents, music/band coordinators, merchandise crew, kids table, etc. Tom and I love doing this but in order for it to grow we need a bigger organized crew. We have learned a lot and hope to find some people who are as passionate about this as we are!

Do you Google a lot? Consider using GoodSearch instead and selecting JDRF as your charity. There are different chapters and for those of you local that would be the Oregon/SW Washington Chapter. For every search your charity gets a penny; every penny counts! You can also shop via GoodSearch and many businesses give a percent of your purchase toward your charity of choice.

The JDRF Hope Gala Auction is Saturday, April 12th at the Governor Hotel and is sure to be a fantastic event. Please consider donating to Fund-A-Cure at the end of the live auction. 100% of your donation is tax deductible. For those of you attending the auction, each donation of \$100 and up will be matched with a \$100 donation (up to \$25,000). A PDF of the auction catalog can be downloaded from the JDRF website.

[www.jdrf.org/oregon](http://www.jdrf.org/oregon)

Your Fund-A-Cure donation ensures that the best diabetes research in the world continues to progress. Through these donations and other chapter fundraising activities over the past several years, JDRF has funded over \$1.95 million to support research projects in the state of Oregon, including pivotal research on the Artificial Pancreas Program which is currently being done here.

While at the Gala Jennifer and Janet will be selling tickets for the Grand Prize Drawing. With a donation of \$50\* to JDRF your name will go into a drawing for the opportunity to win The Board Wine Cellar, comprised of over 40 bottles of premier wine selected by JDRF's Board of Directors, plus a wine refrigerator. All proceeds will help fund research aimed to finding a cure for diabetes. Drawing occurs on April 12th at the conclusion of the Live Auction.

\*\$50 suggested donation; no purchase necessary. You need not be present to win.

You don't have to buy a ticket to participate in the Gala; you can volunteer Gala night, purchase a Grand Prize drawing raffle ticket, or make a donation to Fund-A-Cure. If you would like to purchase a Grand Prize drawing ticket prior to the event please submit name and payment to JDRF before Friday April 11th. For tickets and/or information contact JDRF office at 503-643-1995.

You can also contact Jennifer with any questions at 503.543.5542

Thank you again for all your support!  
The Kilman Family