

Walk to cure Diabetes - Presentation News Flash!
“Wondrous Wall of Feet” Coming Soon - Get your name added Today!

Dear Presentation Families,

Get your name on a big, bad foot TODAY! *A Wondrous Wall of Feet* will be rising again in Presentation’s hallways! Why, you ask? Here’s the scoop! The fund-raising campaign for Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation’s Annual *Walk to cure Diabetes* is underway! Yep, it’s time to kindly consider a donation to JDRF to further diabetes research.

Diabetes is unfortunately a nasty disease that strikes **children**. We have 2 families at Presentation who battle diabetes every day. Jed Rellihan & Jake Vinck(8th grade) struggle daily. **4 or more insulin adjustments** (via their pumps attached by a canula through the skin) and at least **8-10 finger pricks** for blood sugar per day are required. Did you know that a new diagnosis of diabetes is made every 40 seconds? Type 1 Diabetes is the 2nd most prominent chronic disease (after asthma) in children. As you may know, diabetes is the leading cause of kidney failure, blindness, amputations & nerve damage. Life expectancy is reduced by 15 years due to this disease & diabetics are 2-4 times more likely to have a heart attack or stroke. Diabetes kills an American every 3 minutes.

Though Jed and Jake and others with diabetes treat this disease with insulin, ***everyone should understand that insulin is not a cure, it is life support !***

This letter offers you the opportunity to help find a cure! Please consider returning a donation. For a minimum donation of **\$1.00 your child will get their name on a foot**, (more is gladly accepted as a tax deductible donation) **and free dress on Friday September 30th**.

Many folks from our Presentation community are choosing to raise additional funds (\$100 gets you a JDRF T-shirt!) and plan to come out to the big walk on October 1, 2011 to do some walking at the Legends. If you’d like to help raise additional \$ and participate in the walk, visit Jed’s page online at www2.jdrf.org/goto/Jed or www.walk.jdrf.org (Remember this would be a great way to get those **service hours!**).

Thanks so much for your consideration & generosity to this cause which means so very much to so many. Let’s cure this awful disease before Jed and Jake and others we know and love begin to experience the complications associated with diabetes. With your support, the future for all those with diabetes will be brighter. Please contact Kerrie Rellihan @ 322-4482 with questions. ***PLEASE RETURN FORM to homeroom teacher by September 30th.***

****Even though JDRF supports some stem cell research, their research goes way beyond this. Examples include the artificial pancreas & continuous glucose monitors. We will request our funds NOT go towards stem cell research and JDRF has assured us they will honor our requests and not compromise our beliefs.***

Enclosed is my donation to help **STOMP OUT DIABETES!** (As a result of my donation, please place my children’s names on some walkin’ feet and add them to the “wondrous wall”.) *****PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO JDRF.**

My Children’s name, grade, & teacher:

1. _____ 3. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

