

LOCAL ORGANIZATION SPREADS HOLIDAY CHEER TO HELP FIGHT JUVENILE DIABETES

Volunteer Gift Wrappers on Hand at Two Local Malls to Raise Money for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation December 17, 2009

Gift wrapping can be tricky to those without much experience, but the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Capitol Chapter is making things easier for shoppers across the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. The nonprofit organization continues its “Holiday Gift Wrap” tradition this year at two local shopping malls.

Volunteer gift wrappers are stationed inside Westfield Shoppingtown Montgomery in Bethesda, Md., and Dulles Towne Center in Dulles, Va. This year’s efforts began on November 27 and will continue through Christmas Eve.

“The volunteers are the heart of the ‘Holiday Gift Wrap’ and without them we could not continue to sustain and grow this event each year,” said Amy DeLair, special events assistant at the JDRF Capitol Chapter. “All of the funds raised at the ‘Holiday Gift Wrap’ are allocated towards imperative research that will ultimately lead to a cure for juvenile diabetes.”

Shulman, Rogers, Gandal, Pordy, & Ecker, P.A., a law firm in Potomac, Md., is the lead sponsor of the “Holiday Gift Wrap.” In addition to providing volunteers for the wrapping station, Shulman Rogers also donated funds to purchase wrapping paper and other materials. This is the tenth year Shulman Rogers has participated at Westfield Shoppingtown Montgomery. Attorneys and staff members will be volunteering Sunday, December 20 between 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

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“Juvenile diabetes directly impacts some of the staff at Shulman Rogers, and we’re honored that we can do something to help raise money to find a cure,” said David Porody, managing shareholder of Shulman Rogers. “The JDRF’s Capitol Chapter works diligently to raise money for research, and we know taking part in such a large fundraising effort will provide a lasting impact on the community.”

The JDRF Capitol Chapter Holiday Gift Wrap began nearly 30 years ago in 1980, when profits were just a few thousand dollars. Since then, it has grown tremendously, raising \$73,000 for research in 2008.

About JDRF Capitol Chapter

JDRF is a leader in setting the agenda for diabetes research worldwide, and is the largest charitable funder and advocate of type 1 research. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. Type 1 diabetes is a disease which strikes children and adults suddenly and requires multiple injections of insulin daily or a continuous infusion of insulin through a pump. Insulin, however, is not a cure for diabetes, nor does it prevent its eventual and devastating complications. Since its founding in 1970 by parents of children with type 1 diabetes, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.3 billion to diabetes research. For more information, visit www.jdrf.org.