

JDRF LA Family Network

When a child is diagnosed with type 1 diabetes the entire family is affected. The JDRF Family Network provides families with a safe, close knit community, offering ongoing support, networking, sharing and advocacy. The Family Network covers families living in the Greater Los Angeles area, as well as Santa Barbara, Ventura, South Bay, and the Bakersfield/ Central valley communities.

We understand the frustration and hardship associated with type 1 diabetes and are here to help make this experience just a little easier for your family.

We would like to extend an invitation for you and your family to join our JDRF LA Family Network. There is no cost to be part of the Family Network and all events are no/low cost.

Joining the Family Network means all of the following:

- Invitations to our Family Networking events
- Invitations to/information about other type 1 diabetes-related events (e.g. Free Diabetes Education Classes, Technology Updates, School Preparation Meeting, etc.)
- Opportunity to occasionally be matched up one-on-one with newly diagnosed families who live in your area (following Bag of Hope delivery)
- Opportunity to join the online community (managed by Paul Shapiro, dad to Jessica – diagnosed 2003)
- Information about participation in JDRF Government Relations campaigns and Children's Congress
- Opportunity to become a community advocate for type 1 diabetes, such as reaching out to your school, physician, employer, etc.

We hope that you will join the Family Network and will be able to participate in some of the upcoming events.

Family Support Program

A diagnosis of type 1 diabetes can be overwhelming. The JDRF L.A. Chapter offers a family support program connecting you with another family that has been living with type 1 diabetes successfully for some time. JDRF's goal is to offer you support and provide you an understanding sounding board.

If you would like to be connected with a family support volunteer, please call or email the JDRF L.A. Outreach Department

You're not alone and JDRF is here to help.

Family Networking Events

We offer quarterly events which give families who face type 1 diabetes to meet other families going through similar experiences.

Please join us at the Los Angeles Zoo where Omnipod will talk about their newest wireless pump and then your family will enjoy a day at the zoo.

Date: Sunday, April 26, 2009

Time: 11am-1pm

Location: LA Zoo

5333 Zoo Drive LA, 90027

Phone: (323) 644-4200

Please RSVP to Adriana at atellez@jdrf.org

Join a JDRF Council!

We offer five councils in the following areas: South Bay, Westside, Pasadena, San Fernando Valley, and Tri Counties (San Louis Obispo, Santa Barbara, Ventura)

Mission: A neighborhood-based group of volunteers who are parents of Juvenile Diabetics, are diabetics themselves or who may have been touched by diabetes in some way.

We seek to support the efforts of JDRF from activities and contacts in our own community, extending the reach of the Board of Directors of the Greater Los Angeles Chapter without long drives to meetings or Board formalities. Instead, our hope is to offer those who wish to do more an opportunity to do so with realistic expectations on our available time.

Goal: To help in the fight for the cure for Type 1 diabetes by strengthening participation in JDRF and building support in our local community

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