

Stephanie Honig supports diabetes research

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Stephanie Honig of Honig Vineyard & Winery is serving on the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) 2014 Hope Gala committee for the annual fundraiser on Friday, May 30.

Stephanie and Michael Honig's daughter Sophia was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2012 at the age of 5. Since then, the Honigs have become advocates for JDRF, a global organization raising funds for Type 1 diabetes research. In November 2013, in recognition of National Diabetes Awareness Month, Honig donated all of their tasting fees to JDRF.

The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco, will host the fundraiser for the Bay Area branch of JDRF.

Nearly 40 Napa Valley wineries have already donated auction items ranging from a 6-liter bottle of Shafer Cabernet Hillside Select 2005, valued at \$3,000, to an overnight stay at Staglin's historic Stecker House. Other wineries who have donated items include Peju, Silver Oak, Groth, Heitz Wine Cellars, Chandon and Cakebread. The donations will be auctioned off at the Hope Gala auction to benefit JDRF and its mission to find a cure for Type 1 diabetes.

"We are very touched and inspired by the outpouring of support from the Napa Valley community," Honig said. "We want a cure for Sophia and the millions of other children and adults who live with (Type 1 diabetes). The more of us who come together, the more influence we can have."

"So many families, including ours, have been affected by type 1 diabetes," says Kathleen Heitz Myers of Heitz Wine Cellars. "Fortunately, JDRF offers hope and a positive, life-changing experience to people around the world every day. We truly admire the commitment of JDRF to improve lives as they continue working for a cure."

For tickets and information about JDRF, visit the website, bayarea.jdrf.org.