

Summer Classic Takes a Bow



Dear Friends of the JDRF Summer Classic:

Happy New Year to you and your families! We are forever grateful for our wonderful and supportive JDRF NorCal community. The past two years have been quite a wild ride, but you've shown that together, we are stronger in the fight against type 1 diabetes (T1D).

As you may know, our JDRF Northern California Inland and Bay Area chapters merged in 2020 to form the new Northern California Chapter. This was in response to nationwide budget cuts within JDRF due to COVID-19. We are covering a larger area with fewer staff members, so we must be creative and more efficient with our streamlined resources. As a result, we have made the excruciatingly difficult decision that it is time for our beloved Summer Classic event to take a bow.

Summer Classic was founded in 2006 by Active Charity, a group of philanthropic Chico State buddies – Jason Skeoch, Pace Linck, Dan Michie, Ryan Ashburn, John Kay and Rob Nowacek – who so kindly chose to support JDRF. What started as a small golf tournament and dinner/auction turned into a highly anticipated and favorite annual event. Since that first small event, Summer Classic has brought in more than \$6 million for JDRF and T1D research. We wholeheartedly thank the awesome Active Charity team for everything they have done for our community. To learn more about these great guys, [watch our tribute video from the 2017 Summer Classic](#), when we honored their hard work and dedication.

We have so many other supporters and leaders to thank -- most importantly, YOU, our amazing community, which swung into action each year to celebrate and fundraise at the beautiful Wente Vineyards in Livermore. Our Summer Classic committee always proved to be a lively bunch of superstars who knew how to pull off successful events that were both meaningful and entertaining. Our honorees, Fund-A-Cure speakers, volunteers, corporate partners, sponsors and donors have been invaluable. We cannot thank them enough. Last but not least, let's give a standing ovation to our JDRF NorCal staff, particularly Frank Bitonte, whose hard work and enthusiasm never cease. There are too many memories to count over the years, both silly and serious, that will continue to make us smile and appreciate the wonderful people who show us the true meaning of community. Thank you all!

We sincerely hope you will join and participate in our other signature [2022 JDRF NorCal events](#), including Tee to Table at The Ritz-Carlton, Half Moon Bay on May 13 and the Hope Gala at The Ritz-Carlton, San Francisco on September 24, which will honor longtime Summer Classic leaders and supporters, Rick & Nancy Riley and their family.

Thank you so very much for your support of JDRF and Summer Classic. We truly value your friendship and appreciate all you have done for our community.

Warmly,

Zoe Francis

JDRF Summer Classic Chair, 2020, 2021