

WALK TO CURE DIABETES



dedicated to finding a cure



Elliott and "G" at Camp Sweeney 2007

Dear Family and Friends:

It is hard to believe this will be our 5th year participating in the Walk to Cure Diabetes. By participating in the Walk to Cure Diabetes, over the last 4 years, and thanks to many of you, Elliott's Attackers have raised over **\$70,000** to "Score Against Diabetes".

Most of you know the story behind our participation in the Walk to Cure Diabetes – Elliott, at the age of 7, collapsed as he left the hockey rink and was later diagnosed with Juvenile (Type 1) Diabetes. Our world changed on October 1, 2002. Elliott would be insulin dependent until a Cure was found. The Doctors explained Type 1 Diabetes is not something that can be corrected with diet and exercise and wasn't caused by Elliott eating too much sugar – it is an auto immune disease where the body attacks its pancreas and permanently destroys cells that make insulin. To stay alive Elliott must test his blood sugar levels constantly, count carbohydrates and inject himself with insulin before eating anything. As shocking and devastating as the news was, Elliott took everything in stride. 3 days after his diagnosis Elliott was testing his own blood sugar and a few months later he was giving himself shots.

Most of you who know Elliott find it hard to believe he has Diabetes – he seems like a normal kid. We have included a **DVD titled "FUND A CURE"** to show you the other side of Elliott's life. Elliott was asked by JDRF to participate in this DVD to let people know how Diabetes has changed his life. Please take a few moments to watch the DVD – it will give you some insight as to how Diabetes affects the children it attacks.

Many of you may wonder – why keep contributing when a Cure has not been found in the last 5 years? It is question we ask ourselves every year. The answer – while JDRF continues making great strides towards finding a Cure they have recently launched an aggressive initiative to accelerate the availability of **artificial pancreas technologies**, which have the potential to revolutionize diabetes care. An artificial pancreas – which will link an insulin pump to a continuous glucose monitor – will provide the right amount of insulin at the right time, just as the pancreas does in people without the disease. Over the next 2 years, JDRF will invest up to \$10 million to advance the development of the artificial pancreas, work with insurance companies to highlight the clinical and economic benefits of the artificial pancreas, speed through regulatory approvals and ensure the devices are covered by health insurance.

While JDRF continues its march toward a Cure, we are very excited at the prospect of not only finding a Cure but making Elliott's life easier. We are asking for your help in making a difference for Elliott and for everyone else living with Diabetes. We are participating in the "2007 Collin County Walk to Cure Diabetes" sponsored by JDRF on **September 29, 2007**. Our team is "**Elliott's Attackers**" and our goal is "**Scoring Against Diabetes**" by raising money for a cure. We want you to be on our team! Here is how it works:

- Meet us in Granite Park, 5800 Granite Parkway, Plano, Texas 75024 at 8:45 a.m. The 5K (3.1 miles) Walk starts at 9:00 a.m. Don't forget to register at www.jdrf.org under "Walk Central!"
- If you can't make the Walk, please donate to JDRF in honor of "Elliott's Attackers". Go to www.jdrf.org and click on "Walk Central". Type in Elliott Fry under "Support a Walker". If you would rather donate by check, please make checks payable to JDRF and mail in the self-addressed stamped envelope provided.
- **If possible we need all donations and pledges by October 15, 2007!**
- If you can't make it to the Walk then know you will be missed, but there is always next year.

Our goal for this year is to raise \$10,000 for Diabetes research. Every dollar will help bring us one step closer to a cure. We can't wait to see you on September 29th for the 2007 Walk to Cure Diabetes!



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Swimming at Sweeney

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