

# EVANSFIGHT

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Dear Friends and Family,

A new year is among us and we are off to a great start. The Gators won the National Title, the kids are doing well and it is time to start gearing up for the annual JDRF Walk to Cure Diabetes and this year we're *Rockin' for Research*.

Over the last two years your generous donations along with the support of Southern Lady, Inc. has helped us to raise over \$50,000 which has gone toward promising new research projects funded by JDRF.

Eighty-Five Percent of all monies raised goes directly to research. The advancements in science and technology are huge and every dollar counts. Just today as I write this letter it was announced that the FDA has approved human trials of stem cell therapy for Spinal Injuries, opening the door for studies to begin in the field of diabetes. This is a major accomplishment!

Diabetes is a tough disease that you never get a break from. It is always there, always at the front of your mind. The number of children with diabetes is growing with terrifying speed: 15,000 girls and boys will be diagnosed this year alone. However, with your help, life can be a little easier. Evan started on a pump this past summer and it has been wonderful. Instead of five shots a day he gets pricked once every three days and we have tighter control over his numbers and a less regimented schedule. All thanks to innovative research that you helped fund!!!

We would like to invite you to continue your support by walking with us March 28<sup>th</sup> around Lake Hollingsworth. We will meet at the sump across from Florida Southern College at 8am for check-in. The walk is set to begin at 9am and as usual t-shirts will be available for all walkers. All donations no matter how big or small should be made out to JDRF and can be returned in the enclosed envelope or collected at the walk. As always donations are tax-deductible and most importantly Southern Lady, Inc. has graciously agreed to match your donations once again!

We hope to ROCK this event for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row with the biggest team and most money raised in Polk County. Get your walkin' shoes on and come join us for a Rockin' good time!

On behalf of Evan and all the others who suffer from Type 1 Diabetes, Thank you and God Bless.

The Parker Family

