

# Diabetes Research Dinner A Success

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On April 27, 11th District County Legislator Delia DeRiggi-Whitton and Rebecca Castronovo co-chaired the 12th Annual Cooking For a Cure event at The View restaurant in Glen Cove. The dinner benefited the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation (DRIF.) DeRiggi-Whitton became involved in fundraising on behalf of the DRIF when her oldest daughter was diagnosed with type-one diabetes at the age of 3.

This year's honoree, Myron Blumenfeld, was unable to attend due to an illness. Blumenfeld was selected as the 2015 honoree because of his long-standing and tireless devotion to raising hundreds of thousands of dollars for the Juvenile Diabetes Research on behalf of his grandson.

The View was packed with attendees who enjoyed colorful cocktails, a delicious dinner and bid on dozens of generously donated items in a silent auction. Guitarist Chris Kinnear provided musical entertainment.

"Thanks to everyone who attended, donated and bid," said DeRiggi-Whitton. "It feels so good to be able to do something to help us move closer to finding a cure for diabetes—for my daughter and everyone else who has this condition."

DeRiggi-Whitton serves as a board member of Long Island DRIF and has helped secure nearly \$800,000 in grants and other funds through the dinner and other events she has led. For more information about all that DRIF does to work towards a cure for diabetes, visit [www.drif.org](http://www.drif.org) or call 516-822-1700.

