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# Diabetes Research Institute Foundation Launches Card Party for a Cure

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**East Norwich, NY - October 18, 2016** - Get ready to deal those cards and tiles —and also do a little fall shopping — at Card Party for a Cure on Tuesday, Nov. 15 at the beautiful Muttontown Country Club, 5933 Northern Blvd., in East Norwich, Long Island.

Participants may choose to play Canasta, Mah Jong or Bridge to raise money for the Diabetes Research Institute (DRI), the largest and most comprehensive research center with the mission to find a biological cure for diabetes.

Hosted by Roberta Waller and Wendy Waller, this first-time event, which will run from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm, welcomes both novice and experienced card players and features a variety of top-notch vendors showcasing the latest in fashions, handbags, gift items and jewelry, to the delight of all.

Card Party for a Cure attendees will have a chance to win a \$1,000 gift certificate to London Jewelers, a designer snakeskin bag by Nancy Gonzalez and an array of home good items from MacKenzie Childs, all while enjoying both a delicious breakfast and luncheon, and engaging in great conversation with longtime friends and new ones.

“We thought this event would be a wonderful idea to raise a lot of funds for diabetes research and have a fun afternoon filled with great game playing,” said Roberta Waller, whose daughter, Dara Melnick, has type 1 diabetes. “I look forward to seeing everyone come together for a such a worthy cause that is so dear to my heart. I also want to thank Wendy Waller and the entire event committee for their dedication and hard work. Raising money to find a cure is extremely important for my daughter as well as millions of others with diabetes.”

“We are all so excited to begin this new event for the DRI and are looking forward to our first successful card party at the Muttontown Country Club,” Wendy Waller said.

Card Party for a Cure individual tickets are \$125, or \$100 for lunch only, and can be purchased online. Roberta and Bruce Waller are presenting sponsors and more opportunities are still available with sponsorship packages ranging from \$500 to \$5,000 for the event.

For more information, please contact the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation by email, visit [DiabetesResearch.org](http://DiabetesResearch.org) or call 516.822.1700.

## About the Diabetes Research Institute and Foundation

The mission of the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation is to provide the Diabetes Research Institute with the funding necessary to cure diabetes now. The Diabetes Research Institute at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine leads the world in cure-focused research. As the largest and most comprehensive research center dedicated to curing diabetes, the DRI is aggressively working to develop a biological cure by restoring natural insulin production and normalizing blood sugar levels without imposing other risks. Researchers have already shown that transplanted islet cells allow patients to live without the need for insulin therapy. Some study participants have maintained insulin independence for more than 10 years. The DRI is now building upon these promising outcomes by developing a DRI BioHub, a bioengineered “mini organ” that mimics the native pancreas. While various BioHub platforms are being tested in preclinical and clinical studies, the DRI is also developing strategies to eliminate the need for anti-rejection drugs and reset the immune system to block autoimmunity. For more information, please visit [DiabetesResearch.org](http://DiabetesResearch.org), tweet @Diabetes\_DRI or call 516-822-1700.

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