

Generating 'Love and Hope' for the fight against diabetes

South Florida's philanthropic families and celebrities are invited for an evening of glitz and glamour at the Diabetes Research Institute's (DRI) "Love and Hope Ball," to take place Feb. 15 at the Westin Diplomat Resort and Spa in Hollywood. Celebrating 40 years, the event has raised more than \$50 million to date.

Guests will enjoy music from Barry Gibb for an exclusive performance after his hugely successful UK and Australia "Mythology" tour. He and wife, Linda, serve as "Love and Hope International" chairpersons, as well as honorary members of the DRI foundation's board of directors.

The cocktail reception will begin at 6 p.m., with dinner at 8 p.m. Following dinner and Gibb's performance, an after-party will feature a popular DJ while indulging in a

Viennese dessert table.

The milestone event will be held in honor of Life chairwoman Sonja Zuckerman and DRI director Dr. Camilo Ricordi. The ball will also recognize the following honorees for their commitment to helping the DRI find a cure for diabetes: Shirley Harris, Janie and Ronald Kupferman, Barbara and Norman Shapiro, Mercedes and David Carlson, Sandy and Senator Paul Steinberg, and Sheila Wohl.

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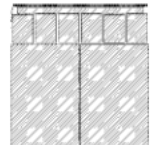
The "Love and Hope" committee kicked off plans for the ball in December with the annual "Preview Party," which helped raise \$500,000 for the cure-focused work of the DRI.

The Diabetes Research Institute at the University of

Miami Miller School of Medicine is aggressively working to develop a biological cure by restoring natural insulin production and normalizing blood sugar levels without imposing other risks. Researchers have shown that diabetes can be reversed through islet transplantation, with some study patients living without the need for insulin injections for more than a decade. The institute is developing the DRI BioHub, an integrated "mini organ" that mimics the native pancreas, containing thousands of insulin-producing cells that sense blood sugar levels and produce the precise amount of insulin needed in real time.

Tickets for the event are \$600.

For more information, call 954-964-4040 or visit www.DiabetesResearch.org/Love-and-Hope-Ball. ■



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Dana Rosenhouse Swickle, left, Kathy Simkins, Sonja Zuckerman, Eleanor Kosow and Jillian Posner

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Rhoda Stern, left, Marilyn Fellman and Lenore Toby-Simmons

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Mercedes Carlson, left, and David Carlson



Barbara Shapiro, left, and Norman Shapiro



Sandra Levy, left, and Shirley Harris



Kathryn Chesler, left, and Hildine Potashnic