



steppin' out to the nines

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Fund-A-Need

In addition to having the opportunity to bid on lovely items, unique experiences and exciting trips, our guests also have the opportunity donate to our Fund-an-Item. **Money raised during this special time stays in Oregon and SW Washington to fund our local Family Link Program.**

Diabetes has a unique impact on children and their families. The daily life of children is disrupted by the need to monitor blood glucose levels, take insulin, and balance the effect of activity and food.

The American Diabetes Association knows that learning to live with diabetes doesn't happen overnight—and families don't have to do it alone. We are there for families when they need us most—every day.

The Family Link Program:

- Helps families meet other families of kids with diabetes
- Works with scientists and medical professionals to improve care and search for a cure
- Advocates for the rights of children and adults with diabetes
- Helps others under the needs of families

Through the Family Link Program, families can receive *Everyday Wisdom*, a FREE kit that provides real-life strategies for everyday moments such as telling others about diabetes, finding and training a babysitter, traveling and being a family team to support the child living with diabetes.

Through Safe at School, the American Diabetes Association holds parents workshops to help parents understand their child's legal rights for diabetes care at school and provide strategies for working with schools to achieve this care. We also provide school training resources that help school nurses teach school personnel, like the child's teacher, about diabetes care. During the 2007-2008 school year, we were in 81 schools providing training to over 100 school personnel.

Our guests live, work and play in our local communities. The Fund-an-Item portion of our Gala allows them to directly impact families of children with diabetes who live in the same community. And, the dollars raised are invaluable to us as we continue our work to STOP DIABETES.