



DRI *Insider*



Inside the DRI with our New Scientific Director

Recently, we had the pleasure of hosting a fireside chat with Dr. Matthias von Herrath, the Scientific Director of the Diabetes Research Institute (DRI). The conversation was enlightening and provided valuable insights into the state of diabetes research and where we are headed.

During the chat, Dr. von Herrath shared his passion for diabetes research and how he got started in the field. When asked what influenced his decision to join the DRI, Dr. von Herrath explained that it was the DRI's interdisciplinary approach, which brings together experts from various fields to work collaboratively towards finding a cure _____ for _____ diabetes.

Dr. von Herrath expressed optimism and confidence in the progress being made towards a cure. He explained that while there is still much to learn about the disease, researchers are making significant strides towards understanding its complexities and developing new treatment options.

Overall, the fireside chat with Dr. Matthias von Herrath was an engaging conversation that shed light on the current state and future of diabetes research. Dr. von Herrath's passion for his work and his dedication to finding a cure for diabetes were evident throughout the conversation, and his expertise in the field provided valuable insights for anyone interested in diabetes research. If you want to watch the fireside chat, click the link below.

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Cocktails and Conversations: Bringing Diabetes Research Advancements to Your Community

Look no further than Cocktails and Conversations! Hosted by the [Diabetes Research Institute Foundation](#), this series of regional receptions

In the latest round of events, attendees had the chance to meet and learn from some of the brightest minds in the field. Dr. Kenyon visited Palm Beach to discuss exciting breakthroughs in diabetes research, while Dr. von Herrath visited Long Island to share his expertise. Meanwhile, Dr. Bayer joined us in Chicago to talk about the latest developments in the fight against this debilitating disease.

Don't miss your chance to be a part of this exciting series of events! Check out the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation's website for more information about upcoming Cocktails and Conversations receptions near you.

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Out of the Kitchen Events in New York and South Florida Serve Up a Winning Recipe for DRI Fundraising

Foodies and supporters alike recently converged in New York and South Florida for the highly anticipated Out of the Kitchen culinary events, which [raised significant funds for the Diabetes Research Institute \(DRI\). The events.](#)

which featured renowned chefs showcasing their culinary expertise and creativity, were a resounding success, attracting a diverse range of supporters eager to contribute to the fight against diabetes.

In **New York**, over 150 of DRIF's closest friends gathered at The Altman Building for an inimitable night of delicious food, passionate fundraising, and merriment with new and old friends. The event featured a gorgeous cheese and charcuterie station expertly curated and presented by Pascal Vittu, Head Cheese Steward of Restaurant Daniel; exciting silent and live auctions with special guest Chef David Burke as co-auctioneer; unique arrays of flavors from seven of NYC's most talented chefs; passionate remarks from Dr. Giacomo Lanzoni, Research Assistant Professor at the Diabetes Research Institute, Samantha Shanken Baker, Event Chair, and Logan Cohen, 15-year-old diabetes advocate; and much more. While all the chefs blew guests away with their dishes, attendees voted to name Chef Lee Knoeppel as "DRIF Distinguished Chef" after he wowed the crowd with his red-curry-braised pork shoulder with wasabi mashed potatoes, crispy onions, ginger gochujang glaze, and fresh herbs. This is a must do event for all New Yorkers next year!

[Out of the Kitchen - New York Photo Gallery and Recap Video](#)

South Florida's Out of the Kitchen returned on Sunday, April 23, 2023 at The Diplomat Beach Resort Hollywood. Known for an unmatched annual lineup of South Florida top chefs, the event was a must for any serious foodie and supporter of finding a diabetes cure. Co-Chaired by Tammy and Steve Klein, and Carly and Danielle Klein, the event's impressive fundraising total of nearly \$350,000 is a testament to the generosity and commitment of all who attended with all proceeds benefiting the cure-focused work of the DRI.

The annual fundraiser not only treated guests to an unforgettable culinary experience, but also provided an opportunity to learn about the advancements being made in diabetes research. Dr. Matthias von Herrath, the DRI Scientific Director, spoke at the event, sharing with attendees the latest breakthroughs in the quest to find a biological cure for diabetes.

[Out of the Kitchen - South Florida Photo Gallery](#)

With the support of events like Out of the Kitchen, the DRI is making significant strides in the fight against diabetes. By working towards a biological cure, the Institute aims to improve the lives of millions of people affected by this disease. Guests of this year's events can take pride in knowing that their attendance and contribution are making a meaningful difference in the lives of those

impacted by diabetes. Learn about other upcoming events you can support to help Be Part of the Cure.

[Events»](#)



A Catalyst for a Cure

Thoughtful and generous supporters who have included the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation in their estate plans or made contributions through designated giving vehicles are the powerful sustaining heartbeat of the DRI's research programs. The Diabetes Research Institute (DRI) Heritage Society pays tribute to these special individuals whose commitments provide a pipeline of critical funding ensuring that cure-focused research continues into the future.

Many of our supporters have made substantial gifts to the DRI Foundation in ways that complement their financial objectives by designating the Diabetes Research Institute Foundation as a beneficiary of their will, living trust, IRA, charitable remainder or lead trust, life insurance policy, or another deferred type of gift.

Informing us of your plans is important for several reasons.

- [Communicating your wishes to us ensures that we utilize your gift in the](#)

- It helps the DRI plan for the future.
- It allows us to recognize you as a member of the DRI Heritage Society and express our gratitude during your lifetime.
- Your membership in the DRI Heritage Society inspires others to support the DRI Foundation in a similar manner.

Members of the DRI Heritage Society enjoy benefits which include:

- Receiving a uniquely designed Heritage Society Award as an expression of our appreciation.
- Recognition on a wall of honor at the Diabetes Research Institute.
- Ultimately, upon receipt of the gift, your name will be inscribed on the designated wall within the Diabetes Research Institute reflecting your cumulative giving level.

Through thoughtful long-term planning, members of DRI Heritage Society are achieving personal, family, and philanthropic goals, and creating a true legacy that will help advance research for a cure beyond their lifetimes.

If you would like to discuss strategies for planned a gift or notify us of your planned gift and joining the DRI Heritage Society, please contact Jill Shapiro Miller at (954) 674-3205 or jshapiro@drif.org to learn more.

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Join Team DRI for a Walk, Run, or Ride!

Get ready to show off your skills and join Team DRI for our annual event - Walk, Run, or Ride! This event is the perfect opportunity for you to enjoy your hobbies while supporting a great cause. Whether you prefer walking, running, or biking, you can choose the activity that suits you best and join us at Cedar Creek Park.

By participating in this event, you'll not only have a great time but also make a real difference in the lives of millions of people living with diabetes. Your support can help us fund critical research and move us closer to finding a cure.

So, mark your calendars and join us for a day of fun and fundraising.

Saturday, September 9, 2023

Cedar Creek Park OR Anywhere you would like

The possibilities to join Team DRI are endless - whether you want to create a walk, start a 5K or ride, we welcome you to be a part of this exciting event. Let's come together and make a real difference in the fight against T1D!

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Make your Birthday Count: Host a Fundraiser to Help Find a Cure for Diabetes!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to celebrate your upcoming birthday? Why not host a fundraiser for a cause that truly matters? By doing a birthday fundraiser on behalf of the DRI, you can help us in our mission to find a biological cure for diabetes.

Your support can make a real difference in the lives of millions of people living with T1D. With your help, we can continue our vital research and move closer to finding a cure. So, let's come together and make your special day even more meaningful by hosting a birthday fundraiser. Join us in our mission to find a cure for T1D!

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Take Your Best Shot to End Diabetes: Join Our Clay Shooting Tournament Fundraiser

The 19th annual Sportsmen for Charity Sporting Clay event will be held on Friday, May 5th at Pawling Mountain Club. Join us for a day of fun including breakfast, instructions and lessons, a safety demonstration, Shoot for Score (100 Rounds) and a lunch/reception with awards and live auction. If you are interested in attending, please email Mariah Moscone at mmoscone@drif.org.



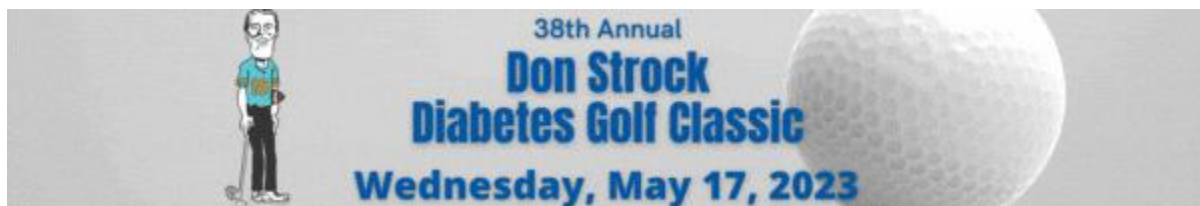
NABTU's DAD's Day Continues Their Unyielding Support for a Cure

Dr. Allison Bayer, Research Assistant Professor in the Department of Microbiology and Immunology at the Diabetes Research Institute, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine and Tom Karlya, Senior Vice President of the DRIF, received a Dollars Against Diabetes (DAD's DAY) gift for over \$70,000 from Juan Gonzalez, International Union of Elevator Constructors (IUEC) Vice-President and President/Business Manager of IUEC Local 2 raised during their annual golf outing. Dr. Bayer also gave a research update to Local 2's leadership while she was in Chicago. DAD's Day is part of North America's Building Trades Unions (NABTU) Blueprint for Cure Campaign which takes place annually in over 50 cities.



Cooking for a Cure: Deliciously Supporting the Fight Against Type 1 Diabetes!

On March 29th, 2023, the 17th annual Cooking for a Cure event was hosted at The Crescent Beach Club in New York honoring the Paolillo Family. Thanks to our dedicated Northeast Board Member, Delia DeRiggi-Whitton, who has hosted the event since its inception, the event successfully raised over \$80,000 for the DRIF. It was an event full of fun, laughs, and most importantly, shared the urgency to find a cure for T1D. A special thank you to Delia and the other members of the committee who made this such a successful event.



More to know...

- ✓ Attending fundraising events is a great way to to support our work and meet

others who want to find a cure like you. [Find out what's happening near you!](#)

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