

To the editor,

Did you know that as many as three million Americans have Type 1 diabetes? Did you know that more than 15,000 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with juvenile diabetes each year? Did you know that diabetes accounted for \$174 billion of health care costs in the U.S. in 2007?

At Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, our mission is to cure Type 1 diabetes. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and research-related education. For 2010, JDRF has scheduled "Walk to Cure Diabetes" at over 200 locations nationally.

I would like to encourage the residents of Salem County and surrounding areas to join JDRF at Parvin State Park in Pittsgrove, New Jersey on October 3 to "Walk to Cure Diabetes." Last year, family teams that participated in walks throughout the U.S. helped raise almost \$40 million. To help JDRF have another successful year and to improve the lives of the millions of Americans who suffer from diabetes, gather your relatives, friends, and coworkers to create a family or corporate team. To register, please visit our website at [www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org) . Your support can help find a cure. Thank you.

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