

One Hot Event!

On May 5, patrons gathered for a special Cinco de Mayo celebration. This Mexican holiday that honors freedom and liberty, took a different spin this year as guests helped move us toward a world free of diabetes. With more than 650 JDRF supporters, this year's event once again set new records, raising more than \$1.4 million for diabetes research. We are grateful for the extraordinary leadership from our General Co-Chairs Dan & Shelle Jensen and Greg & Kris Swetnam (pictured from left to right below) and our honorees for the evening, the Kansas City Chiefs Football Club, represented by Head Coach Herm and Lia Edwards. Because of their dedication, this Dream Gala exceeded all expectations.



Fired Up to Find A Cure--- From the margarita bar to the Live Auction, Dream Gala hummed with energy all night long. Just as guests thought the evening couldn't get any more exciting, honoree and Coach Edwards announced he would donate a trip to an away football game the Chiefs had on their schedule in the coming season. The lucky bidder would be treated just like "one of the guys", staying with the team, eating with the team, even traveling on the plane with the team for the weekend. This item became the "hot ticket" for the night as the item sold not once, but twice for \$20,000! In total, the Live Auction alone raised more than \$400,000.

Every Dollar Makes A Difference--- Once the room settled after the electrifying Live Auction, it was time for Fund A Cure. This year, patrons experienced five different family perspectives on diabetes and how managing the disease has changed over the years. All proceeds from this year's Fund A Cure were directed towards one of JDRF's five Cure Therapeutics, Autoimmunity. When all was said and done, Fund A Cure raised more than \$730,000 for diabetes research! Thank you for your commitment to finding a cure.