

Bella's Benefit

For Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Comedy Night

September 30th, 2011

The Gold Room

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My name is Sarah and I work in the laboratory at Martins Point, Veranda Street. Some of you know that I lost a child 4 yrs ago to a genetic disorder called Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). My daughter, Isabella was born November 21, 2006 and became an angel on February 5, 2007. She was only 1 month old when she was diagnosed. I recently had the opportunity to attend the Families of SMA conference held in Florida this past June. I thought I had done my research and thought I knew a lot about this disorder. The conference was very informative, and I learned more than I thought I could. SMA is a motor neuron disease that affects the voluntary muscles used for activities such as crawling, walking, head and neck control, breathing, and swallowing. It is the # 1 genetic killer of infants and toddlers and 1 in 40 people are carriers.

Goal

To raise money for funding research and awareness for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA).

Money uses

An undetermined portion of the money raised will be donated to "Families of SMA", an organization which is working on gene replacement therapy. We would also like to set up a fund for parents who need assistance paying some of the everyday bills such as electric, gas, groceries, etc.

The Comedy Show

Currently the acts are unknown as The Gold Room books the talent. Doors open at 8p, the show starts at 8:30p. There will be a quilt raffle, gift raffle, and a 50/50 raffle. Make reservations for dinner at Turf's Sports Pub before the show and 10% of your food tab will be donated towards our fundraising cause. **Please mention this benefit at time of reservation.** The phone # is 221-2343. Tickets are \$12. Please see Sarah to purchase tickets.

If you need more information please call Sarah at (207) 432-1087 (cell).

- I am interested in providing sponsor support via a raffle donation for the SMA Benefit. I will provide the following item for the raffle: _____
- I am interested in providing support via a monetary donation. \$ _____

Sponsor Information:

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