



November 2025

Dear Friend of Breakthrough T1D,

We are writing to invite you to join our community by *sponsoring* the *Beyond a Dream* Gala — an unforgettable evening that will unite Orange County's type 1 diabetes community in support of Breakthrough T1D.

Each of us knows the reality of type 1 diabetes (T1D) firsthand — Mara and Nancy as moms to Rooney and Reiland, both diagnosed with T1D at age 5, and Claire who has been living with T1D since she was 19, right before leaving home for college. Our shared experience and determination fuel our passion and leadership as Co-Chairs of the *Beyond a Dream* Gala. We invite you to stand with us on **March 14, 2026, at the Balboa Bay Club**, for an evening of hope, progress, and purpose.

Type 1 diabetes is a life-changing autoimmune disease — not caused by diet or lifestyle — that occurs when the body's immune system mistakenly attacks the insulin-producing cells in the pancreas, leaving those diagnosed dependent on insulin to survive. Too much insulin is dangerous; too little can lead to life-threatening complications. There are no days off — every decision, every meal, every activity must be carefully balanced. Yet through it all, the T1D community continues to face each day with courage, resilience, and unwavering hope.

The *Beyond a Dream* Gala is where that hope meets possibility — **where the dream of a world without T1D feels closer than ever before**. Breakthrough T1D is not just imagining cures — **it's actively driving them forward**. The research your sponsorship makes possible is already leading to clinical trials restoring insulin production, advancing prevention therapies, and bringing us within reach of cures that once felt out of sight. **What was once a distant dream is now within our reach — and the future has never looked more promising.**

Together, we can move *beyond a dream* and into a future where cures for T1D are no longer a question of *if*, but *when*.

Here's how you can be a part of the most impactful Breakthrough T1D fundraiser in the country:

- Sponsor and/or attend the event with an individual or company donation.
- Make a 100% tax-deductible gift to *Fund A Cure* today.
- Gather your family, friends, and others in your community to join us on March 14, 2026.

To learn more, please find the enclosed packet with sponsorship, underwriting, and *Fund A Cure* opportunities, as well as ticket details. You can also scan the QR code below or visit our event website at www.breakthrough1d.org/southernca/OCGala2026.

The deadline for sponsors and underwriters to be included on the *Beyond a Dream* Gala invitation is **Friday, January 16, 2026**.

Thank you for your continued support — we hope to welcome you on March 14th!

Breakthrough T1D exists so T1D won't. The future is bright. The time is now.

With gratitude,

Nancy Mienik, Claire Squier, and Mara Wilkie
Beyond A Dream Gala Co-Chairs

BREAKTHROUGH T1D ORANGE COUNTY
**BEYOND
A DREAM** | *Gala*



Breakthrough T1D *Beyond A Dream* Gala



Balboa Bay Resort, Newport Beach | March 14, 2026

The Breakthrough T1D *Beyond a Dream* Gala will bring together our incredible Orange County type 1 diabetes (T1D) community in support of **Breakthrough T1D**, the organization that has invested more than **\$2.7 billion in T1D research** since 1970.

Breakthrough T1D is leading the charge toward cures for millions of people — funding groundbreaking research, driving advocacy, and accelerating access to life-changing therapies. Every discovery brings us closer to a world where insulin is no longer a lifeline but a thing of the past.

Founded by parents determined to find a cure for their children, Breakthrough T1D has grown into a powerhouse in the scientific community and a global force for progress – and today, that progress feels closer than ever.

Under the leadership of **Co-Chairs Nancy Mienik, Claire Squier, and Mara Wilkie**, the *Beyond a Dream* Gala will be held on **March 14, 2026, at the Balboa Bay Resort in Newport Beach**, featuring hosted cocktails, dinner, auctions, and *Fund A Cure* — where every dollar raised goes directly to research.

This is more than a gala — it's a moment to stand together, celebrate how close we are to cures, and push beyond the dream into the reality of a world free from T1D.

2026 Orange County *Beyond A Dream* Gala

Sponsorship Opportunities

Included with Sponsorship	Presenting Sponsor \$100,000	Inspiration Sponsor \$50,000	Dream Sponsor \$25,000	Hope Sponsor \$15,000	Believe Sponsor \$10,000	Promise Sponsor \$4,000	Research Patron \$2,000
Tickets to the Gala	30	20	16	12	10	4	2
Exclusive named sponsor with speaking opp from stage							
Recognition on mobile bidding app							
Recognition on the Step & Repeat							
Hotel Room Accommodations	 3 Rooms	 2 Rooms	 1 Room				
Name/Logo on Gala communications (newsletters, social media, website)							
Digital Ad at Gala							
Name/Logo on Invitation							
Fair Market Value	\$10,200	\$6,800	\$5,440	\$4,080	\$3,400	\$1,360	\$680

All Sponsorship opportunities are customizable

Commitments must be received no later than January 16, 2026 for invitation inclusion.

BREAKTHROUGH T1D ORANGE COUNTY

BEYOND A DREAM | *Gala*

Exclusive Gala Underwriting Opportunities

Platinum Opportunities

\$20,000

(includes 6 guests)

Feed the Crowd
Sponsor the Dinner

Bid the Highest
Sponsor Auction & Raffle

Pay the Fees
Sponsor our Credit Card Fees

Gold Opportunities

\$15,000

(includes 4 guests)

Sling the Booze
Sponsor the Bar

Be the Hero
Sponsor our Youth Ambassadors

Rock the House
Sponsor the Entertainment

Silver Opportunities

\$10,000

(includes 2 guests)

Spread the Word
Sponsor the Invitations

Park the Cars
Sponsor the Valet

Register the Guests
Sponsor the Attendee Check-in

Take the Picture
Sponsor the Photography

Make it Last
Sponsor the After Party

\$2,040 Fair Market Value

\$1,360 Fair Market Value

\$680 Fair Market Value

All Underwriting Sponsorship opportunities are exclusive & include: Tickets to the *Beyond A Dream Gala* • Exclusive & prominent logo/name in sponsored area • Logo/name placement on invitation* • Logo/name placement in event digital program • Logo/name on event-related correspondence

**Commitment must be received prior to print deadline: January 16, 2026*



WHY PARTNER WITH BREAKTHROUGH T1D?

Breakthrough T1D's Mission | Improving lives today and tomorrow by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to cure, prevent, and treat T1D and its complications

Top Rated Organization

Forbes

In its annual ratings of charities and non-profits, Forbes magazine named Breakthrough T1D one of its five "All-Star" charities, based on its evaluation of Breakthrough T1D's financial efficiency.

The New York Times

"The foundation typically outperforms, in lobbying and fundraising, nearly every other interest group built around a particular disease."

CHARITY WATCH

For more than fifteen years in a row, Breakthrough T1D was top ranked by Charity Watch — the only national diabetes organization to earn an "A" grade every year over this time period.

Get Involved in a Meaningful Way

The Breakthrough T1D Orange County Gala is one of the nation's premier charity events, providing a valuable return on your investment through endless networking and marketing opportunities. Joining corporate and community leaders, you and/or your company will be making a significant and direct impact in the lives of those living with type 1 diabetes (T1D). No organization is making a bigger impact on advances in this field. You can help Breakthrough T1D put an end to type 1 diabetes. **The time is now.**

Be In Good Company

Orange County Gala supporters and sponsors have boasted leaders from many companies, including:

Argyros Family Foundation
Cambridge SPG
Capital Group
City of Hope Orange County
First Team Real Estate
Hoag Memorial Hospital Presbyterian
K&L Gates
Medtronic
Rutan & Tucker, LLP
Sanofi
SIDRA
Standard Drywall
Stoner Fox Law Group
Toyota
Willow Laboratories
Winthrop Golubow Hollander



BEYOND A DREAM | Gala

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$100,000 PRESENTING SPONSOR _____

\$50,000 INSPIRATION SPONSOR _____

\$25,000 DREAM SPONSOR _____

\$15,000 HOPE SPONSOR _____

\$10,000 BELIEVE SPONSOR _____

\$4,000 PROMISE SPONSOR _____

\$2,000 RESEARCH PATRON _____

EXCLUSIVE UNDERWRITING SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

FEED THE CROWD • \$20,000 _____

PAY THE FEES • \$20,000 _____

BID THE HIGHEST • \$20,000 _____

SLING THE BOOZE • \$15,000 _____

BE THE HERO • \$15,000 _____

ROCK THE HOUSE • \$15,000 _____

SPREAD THE WORD • \$10,000 _____

PARK THE CARS • \$10,000 _____

REGISTER THE GUESTS • \$10,000 _____

TAKE THE PICTURE • \$10,000 _____

MAKE IT LAST • \$10,000 _____

TICKETS

\$650 INDIVIDUAL TICKET • QTY: _____

\$310 Fair Market Value

FUND A CURE

100% OF DONATION GOES DIRECTLY TO T1D
RESEARCH:* \$ _____

Please list the following information as you wish it to appear on all event publications. The deadline for invitation inclusion is January 16, 2026.

Please email commitment to: AHines@BT1D.org and mail to: Breakthrough T1D OC Chapter, PO Box 5070, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5070

Recognition Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Payment Details:

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to Breakthrough T1D

To pay via credit card, please visit our website: www.BreakthroughT1D.org/southernca/OCGala2026

Your payment by March 11, 2026 is greatly appreciated.

Signature: _____

As per IRS guidelines, payment by donor advised funds (DAF) or Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs)
may not be applied to purchases that include goods and services or used to bifurcate payments.

Breakthrough T1D is a tax-exempt organization under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Tax ID 23-1907729.

*100% of Fund A Cure donations go toward T1D research and are 100% tax-deductible.