

Breakthrough T1D
Hope Gala 2026

Partnership Opportunities

Friday, May 8, 2026
Bellagio Resort & Casino

Event Chair
Marisa Bilkiss

BreakthroughT1D.org/desertwest/lvgala2026





About Breakthrough T1D

As the leading global type 1 diabetes (T1D) research and advocacy organization, Breakthrough T1D helps make everyday life with T1D better while driving toward cures. We invest in the most promising research to turn ideas into life-changing therapies and devices. We work with government, regulatory officials, and insurance companies to address issues that impact the T1D community—breaking through barriers that limit access to care worldwide. We provide resources and guidance that makes it easier to live and thrive with T1D. This is more than a moment—we’re powering a movement for the T1D community. Share your support and help educate and empower individuals facing type 1 diabetes.

Our Mission

Our mission is to improve lives today and tomorrow by accelerating life-changing breakthroughs to treat, prevent, and, ultimately, cure T1D and its complications. Always, we are guided by a single purpose: **As we drive toward curing type 1 diabetes, we help make everyday life better for the people who face it.**

Our Funding

Globally, millions of supporters help us drive toward curing T1D while making life with T1D better for the people who face it. Last year, through our funding and funding from our partnering organizations, \$449.4M went to support T1D research and therapy development.

Our Research Goals

Curing T1D	Restoring the body’s ability to make insulin and stop T1D before it occurs
Improving Lives	Keep people with T1D as healthy as possible until cures are available by advancing new T1D resources, technologies, and therapies



Our Approach

Funding Groundbreaking Research

In our quest to drive cures for T1D and improve the lives of those with the condition, Breakthrough T1D has driven nearly every major advance—drug, device, cell therapy—made in T1D in the last 50+ years. We coordinate clinical trials to ensure new therapies are thoroughly and quickly evaluated, and work to ensure that people living with T1D can take advantage of every innovation.

Advocating for Change

We work with the White House, Congress, the Food and Drug Administration, other federal agencies, pharmaceutical and device manufacturers, insurance companies, and organizations to secure critical funding, enact favorable policies, drive innovation forward, and advocate for coverage, affordability, and choice. Our work is strengthened by a robust grassroots volunteer network and multitudes of advocates who support and amplify our calls to action.

Providing Resources for the T1D Community

From the day of diagnosis to daily life decades later, Breakthrough T1D supports and connects people in the T1D community to help them live better lives. Whether you're interested in joining a vibrant online T1D community or local chapter, are seeking to enter a clinical trial, in need of advice from someone who's been there, or looking for educational tools to help you or your loved one manage the condition—Breakthrough T1D is ready to help.

Research by the Numbers



400+ active projects funded around the globe today



Over **\$2.5 billion committed** in research grants since our founding in 1970



59+ Breakthrough T1D-funded clinical trials currently under way

Advocacy by the Numbers



Nearly **\$3.5 billion secured in federal funding** through the Special Diabetes Program since it began 25+ years ago



Approximately **500 meetings** with Members of Congress and their staff each year



All **25 of the U.S.'s largest private health insurers** offer coverage of automated insulin delivery (AID) systems for people with T1D

Resources by the Numbers



Nearly **20,000 care kits** delivered annually to newly diagnosed families



30,000+ people have joined Breakthrough T1D Community Forum's vibrant social network for the T1D community



1 million+ adults and children with T1D have joined our events to fundraise for T1D research



Breakthrough T1D HQ



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About The Gala

Friday, May 8, 2026 Bellagio Resort & Casino

The Breakthrough T1D Hope Gala is recognized as one of Southern Nevada's premier social and philanthropic events. This year the Hope Gala is Friday, May 8th, at Bellagio Resort & Casino.

More than 450 guests are expected to attend this year's annual gala. The event will include a cocktail reception, a multi-course dinner, silent and live auctions, and unique entertainment. The live auction concludes with Breakthrough T1D's signature Fund A Cure program, where 100% of tax-deductible contributions drive research for Breakthrough T1D's critical research priorities.

The auction will offer an exciting lineup of items, including international travel, fine wine and spirits, and one-of-a-kind packages.

With the help of Breakthrough T1D friends and supporters, the Hope Gala aims to raise \$1.2 million for critically needed type 1 diabetes research.

Become a part of this inspirational event and help us turn hope into a reality as we make this condition a thing of the past.

For more information on event details, sponsorship, donation and ticket options, live auction preview, and volunteer opportunities, please visit:

www.BreakthroughT1D.org/desertwest/lvgala2026



Or contact Breakthrough T1D Nevada:
725.232.0585 or
desertwest@BreakthroughT1D.org.



Fund A Cure

Fund A Cure is the opportunity to change the lives of people living with type 1 diabetes (T1D). Your 100% tax-deductible contribution will drive research toward therapies to improve lives in the near term and, one day, lead to a cure. We join together to make a difference for the millions of children and adults who live with diabetes every day.

For those attending the Gala, your opportunity to give generously to Fund A Cure will come at the end of the live auction. If you are unable to join us on May 8th, but would like to support Breakthrough T1D's research, please complete the attached commitment form. Your generosity and commitment to the Breakthrough T1D mission will help make this condition a thing of the past.

People with T1D would not be able to benefit from Breakthrough T1D funded innovations without our donors.

The work to create transformational therapies to help people living with T1D cannot—and must not—be allowed to stop because dedicated researchers lack funds.

Laboratory studies that are unlocking the mysteries of T1D and accelerating progress toward a cure and prevention must continue. With the generous help of supporters like you, Breakthrough T1D is pursuing a focused, dynamic research agenda that is moving us ever closer to a world without T1D.

Our plan is to create a future where...

- + The burden is eased all day, and people with T1D sleep safely through the night
- + People with T1D can skip counting carbs for months at a time
- + Highs and lows are kept in check
- + T1D can be prevented and will never threaten anyone again
- + The body's ability to produce insulin and manage blood glucose changes is restored
- + Diabetes doesn't bring other health complications



Hope Gala Opportunities 1 of 2

We are pleased to present you with the exclusive opportunity to confirm your sponsorship, table, or Fund A Cure donation in advance for the Breakthrough T1D Hope Gala. Sponsors who pre-commit at the Inspiration level or higher will have their logo featured in the invitation.

Supporters who pre-commit to a table or Fund A Cure donation of \$5,000 or more will have their name listed in the invitation. All commitments confirmed by December 31, 2025, will be included. This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase your commitment and enhance your visibility within our community.

Presenting Sponsor – \$50,000

- VIP seating for up to 40 guests including VIP gift bags and patron gift
- Four guest rooms at Bellagio Resort & Casino for the night of the event
- Premium wine and champagne at your table
- Premium sponsor promotion including profile on event website, and company logo on the event invitation
- Full color sponsor/tribute ad displayed in the ballroom, shared on social media and emailed to our attendees
- Two social media posts featuring sponsorship
- Logo on sponsor signage at event
- Thank you from the emcee during the evening's program
- Logo on the Nevada Hope Gala website with link to sponsor site
- Logo on mobile bidding site
- Logo on invitation if confirmed by print deadline
- Optional: Select one custom premium benefit from attached menu

Hope Sponsor – \$25,000

- VIP seating for 20 guests including VIP gift bags and patron gift
- Two guest rooms at Bellagio Resort & Casino for the night of the event
- Premium wine and champagne at your table
- Full color sponsor/tribute ad displayed in the ballroom, shared on social media and emailed to our attendees
- Two social media posts featuring sponsorship
- Logo on sponsor signage at event
- Thank you from the emcee during the evening's program
- Logo on the Nevada Hope Gala website with link to sponsor site
- Logo on mobile bidding site
- Optional: Select one custom premium benefit from attached menu

Dream Sponsor – \$15,000

- VIP seating for 10 guests including VIP gift bags and patron gift
- Full color sponsor/tribute ad displayed in the ballroom, shared on social media
- One guest room at Bellagio Resort & Casino for the night of the event
- Two social media posts featuring sponsorship
- Corporate name on sponsor signage at event
- Logo prominently displayed on the Nevada Hope Gala website with link to sponsor site
- Logo on mobile bidding site
- Optional: Select one custom premium benefit from attached menu

GOODS & SERVICES: In accordance with the Internal Revenue Code, the amount paid in excess of \$250 per seat and, if sponsorship includes, additionally \$334 per hotel room (the value of the benefit), is considered to be a charitable contribution to the Breakthrough T1D Nevada Chapter. Per IRS guidelines, payment by individual retirement account (IRA) and donor advised funds (DAF) may not be applied to 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. Our Federal ID number is 23-1907729. Please consult your tax advisor for more information.

Hope Gala Opportunities 2 of 2

Vision Sponsor – \$10,000

- Premier seating for 10 guests including VIP gift bags and patron gift
- Full color sponsor/tribute ad displayed in the ballroom, shared on social media
- Two social media posts featuring sponsorship
- Corporate name on sponsor signage at event
- Logo on the Nevada Hope Gala website with link to sponsor site
- Logo on mobile bidding site

Breakthrough Sponsor – \$10,000 (Limit 2)

- Premier seating for 5 guests including patron gift
- Logo included on the live auction bid cards
- Full color sponsor/tribute ad displayed in the ballroom, shared on social media
- Two social media posts featuring sponsorship
- Corporate name on sponsor signage at event
- Logo on the Nevada Hope Gala website with link to sponsor site
- Logo on mobile bidding site

Inspiration Sponsor – \$6,500

- Priority seating for 10 guests including patron gift
- Full color sponsor/tribute ad displayed in the ballroom, shared on social media
- Corporate name on sponsor signage at event
- Logo on the Nevada Hope Gala website with link to sponsor site

Table - \$5,000

- Seating for 10 guests

Ticket – \$500

- Seating for one guest

Sponsor/Tribute Ad Only – \$1,500

- Full color sponsor/tribute ad displayed in the ballroom, shared on social media

Even If You Can't Join Us

If you are not available to join us at the Breakthrough T1D Hope Gala on May 8, 2026, your support can still be recognized at the event.

Fund A Cure donations are 100% tax-deductible and will receive corporate or personal recognition in print and during the Hope Gala. Simply confirm your donation by April 13, 2026.

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Custom Premium Benefits

Custom benefits are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis and should be submitted no later than **April 1, 2026**.*

Cocktail Sponsor: (Limit 1)

Logo included on cocktail napkins.

Photo Booth Sponsor: (Limit 1)

Logo included on signage indicating Photo Booth “made possible” by your company.

Entertainment Sponsor: (Limit 1)

Logo displayed on ballroom screens.

Volunteer & Youth Ambassador

Hospitality Sponsor: (Limit 2)

Logo on signage for Youth Ambassador and volunteer hospitality suite.

Step & Repeat Sponsor:

(Limited to Presenting and Hope Sponsors)

Logo on step and repeat event photo backdrop.

Patron Gift Sponsor: (Limit 1)

Logo on gala guest gift tag.

VIP Gift Bag Sponsor: (Limit 1)

Logo on VIP gift bag tag.

** Available to Presenting, Hope, and Dream sponsors. Please reference Hope Gala Opportunities sponsor benefit list for more information about these sponsorship levels.*

For More Information,
Please Contact

Marlene TerBeest

725.232.0585

mterbeest@BreakthroughT1D.org

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Commitment Form

Sponsor name

as it should appear in print materials

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Contact Phone: _____

Email: _____

We would like to participate at the Breakthrough T1D Hope Gala at the following level:

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$50,000 Presenting Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Breakthrough Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 Ticket |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$25,000 Hope Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6,500 Inspiration Sponsor | <i>Number of seats</i> _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$15,000 Dream Sponsor | <input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000 Table of Ten Seats | <input type="checkbox"/> \$1,500 Sponsor/Tribute |
| <input type="checkbox"/> \$10,000 Vision Sponsor | | Ad Only |

We would like to participate in **Fund A Cure**. Please accept our contribution of \$ _____

to support diabetes research. Our gift is in honor of _____

Payment Method:

- ☐ Check enclosed for \$ _____

Please mail checks to:

Breakthrough T1D Desert West Chapter/Hope Gala
PO Box 5033
Hagerstown, MD 21741-5033

- ☐ Please invoice me
- ☐ Please send me a link to pay via credit card to the following email address:

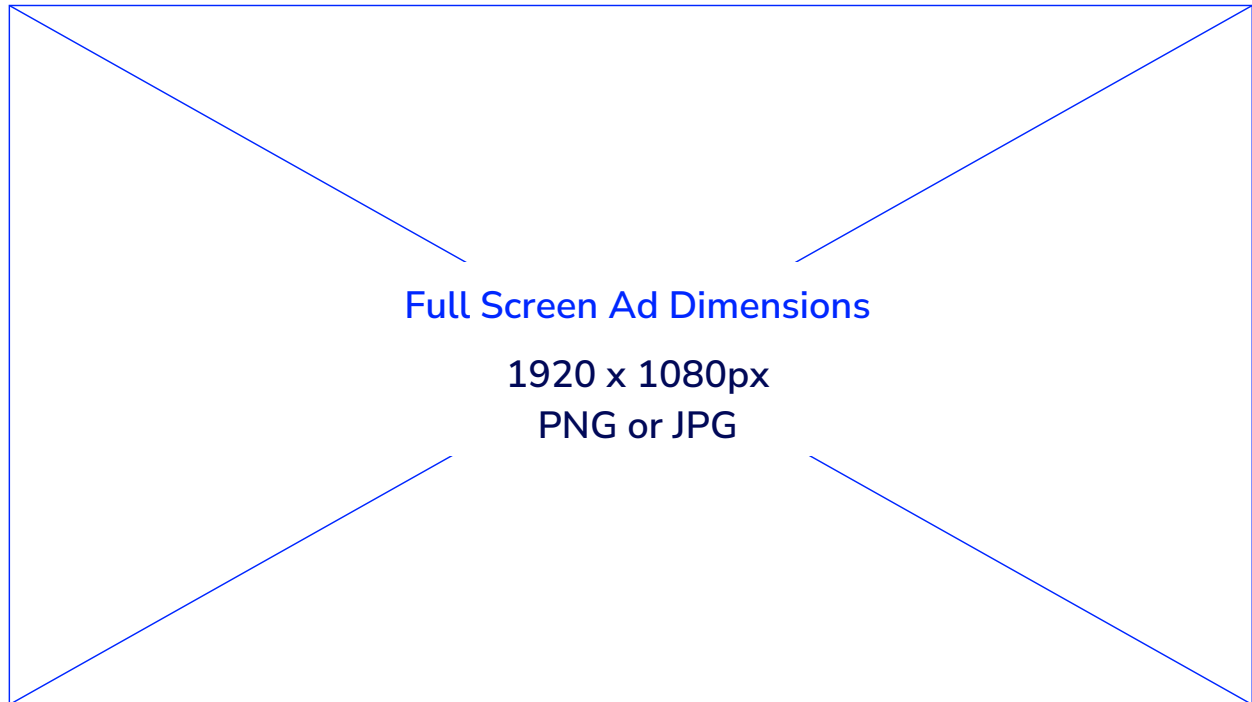
If you wish to submit this form electronically please email to:
desertwest@BreakthroughT1D.org | 725.232.0585

**Thank you for your support. Your contributions fund
vital research aimed at finding cures for type 1 diabetes!**

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Ad Specifications

Note: Sponsor and Tribute ads are displayed in the ballroom and shared on social media.



Design Assistance

We have quite the archive of quotes and thoughts that will put your sentiments in the best light.

We will help you compose your message and forward it to the graphic designer for production. You will have the opportunity to approve the final design before the production deadline.

Ad Submission

Submit digital-ready ad as a **full-size**
1920 x 1080px PNG or JPG.

Questions?

Marlene TerBeest

725.232.0585

mterbeest@BreakthroughT1D.org

**Please Email or
Share a Link to:**

mjones@adhesivedesign.com

Submission Deadline
April 7, 2026

Sponsor / Tribute Quotes 1 of 2

The Breakthrough T1D Hope Gala theme will be incorporated into tribute ads. In order to help create your tribute ad, you may select your favorite quote from the following list or provide one of your own. Please let us know as soon as possible to avoid the usage of duplicate entries.

"A vision is not just a picture of what could be; it is an appeal to our better selves, a call to become something more."
– *Rosabeth Moss Kanter*

"Community means strength that joins our strength to do the work that needs to be done." – *Starhawk*

"Hope doesn't come from calculating whether the good news is winning out over the bad. It's simply a choice to take action." – *Anna Luppe*

"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness." – *Desmond Tutu*

"I think true success is intrinsic... It's love. It's kindness. It's community."
– *Tom Shadyac*

"In every community, there is work to be done... In every heart, there is the power to do it."
– *Marianne Williamson*

"In order to carry a positive action we must develop here a positive vision." – *Dalai Lama*

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – *Coretta Scott King*

"There is hope in dreams, imagination, and in the courage of those who wish to make those dreams a reality." – *Jonas Salk*

"There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."
– *Margaret J. Wheatley*

"To accomplish great things, we must dream as well as act." – *Anatole France*

"Vision without action is merely a dream. Action without vision just passes the time. Vision with action can change the world."
– *Joel A. Barker*

"We have always held to the hope, the belief, the conviction that there is a better life, a better world, beyond the horizon."
– *Franklin D. Roosevelt*

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."
– *Anthony J. D'Angelo*

"You really can change the world if you care enough." – *Marion Wright Edleman*

Sponsor / Tribute Quotes 2 of 2

"Your ordinary acts of love and hope point to the extraordinary promise that every human life is of inestimable value." – *Desmond Tutu*

"Alone, we can do so little; together we can do so much." – *Helen Keller*

"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples." – *Mother Teresa*

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." – *Winston Churchill*

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."
– *Margaret Mead*

"As we work to create light for others,
we naturally light our own way."
– *Mary Anne Radmacher*

"The greatest use of a life is to spend it on something that will outlast it." – *William James*

"The future depends on what you do today."
– *Mahatma Gandhi*

"As we work to create light for others,
we naturally light our own way."
– *Mary Anne Radmacher*

"What counts in life is not the mere fact that we have lived. It is what difference we have made to the lives of others that will determine the significance of the life we lead."
– *Nelson Mandela*

"A true healer is not the one with magical powers, but the one who does everything in their power to help those in need." – *Abhijit Naskar*

Auction Procurement Form - Breakthrough T1D Las Vegas Hope Gala

Please complete this form no later than: **April 3, 2026**

PROCUREMENT #
(OFFICE USE ONLY)

Donor Information

Donor or Company Name: _____

Please type or print above. List the name as you would like the donor to appear in the auction catalog.

Contact Name: _____

For follow up and donation arrangements

Address: ☐ Home ☐ Work _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: ☐ Cell ☐ Home ☐ Work _____

Email: _____

Name of Individual for Thank You / Tax Letter: _____

if different than donor/contact name

Description Of Donated Item

Item: _____ Value: \$ _____

Must provide for tax purposes

Donation Description:

Please be as detailed as possible as this information will be used to write the auction catalog description – color, style, quantity, etc.

Expiration date if any: ____ / ____ / ____ *Expiration date on all items will be May 8, 2027 unless otherwise noted*

Restrictions:

Please state any limitations or special restrictions date/time specific, gratuity not included, advanced reservation required

NOTICE: all donations become the property of Breakthrough T1D and will be utilized for the maximum benefit of the organization.

☐ Tangible Item:

☐ Item accompanies donor form

☐ Donor requests pick-up – We will call to arrange

☐ Intangible Item:

☐ Certificate accompanies this form

☐ Donor requests certificate be created by
Breakthrough T1D

Signature of Donor _____ Date _____

Donation cannot be processed without donor signature. If submitted electronically, typing your name serves as a signature.

Please send completed
form to address or
email listed to the right:

Breakthrough T1D
Las Vegas Hope Gala
9030 W. Sahara Ave. #169
Las Vegas, NV 89117

PH: 725 | 232 | 0585
mterbeest@BreakthroughT1D.org
Breakthrough T1D Tax ID #23-1907729

PROCURED BY: _____