



Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans Women's Division

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Dear Friend,

More than 2,500 children die from cancer annually, yet the U.S currently invests less than \$15,000 per pediatric patient diagnosed. The Joint Civic Committee of Italian Americans Women's Division, is hosting a "Masquerade Casino Night Fundraiser Gala" to raise money and awareness for the most common cancer found in infants - Neuroblastoma.

Did you know:

- Neuroblastoma has an incident rate almost double of leukemia.
- Neuroblastoma also has one of the lowest survival rates of all childhood cancers, with the median age of diagnosis at 2 years old.
- An estimated 800 new cases are diagnosed in the U.S. each year.
- Neuroblastoma accounts for 8 percent of all childhood cancers and 15 percent of all childhood cancer deaths.
- It is the second most common solid tumor cancer in children after brain tumors.
- It is called "the great masquerader" because its symptoms can mimic common childhood illnesses.

Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation, 501(c) (3) non-for profit organization, is committed to finding and funding a cure for Neuroblastoma through research, education, awareness, and advocacy. The JCCIA Women's Division believes that working with the *CNCF* is important and well worth the effort. We are proud to be working together to support the families, children and doctors who are working to find less toxic treatments for Neuroblastoma.

Join us at the Belvedere Banquets for "The Masquerade Casino Night Fundraiser Gala" on Friday, October 28th, 2016, where you can participate in "Las Vegas Style Gambling" using "Funny Money", enjoy live entertainment/dancing, have a chance to win raffle prizes, and enjoy great food.

If you are unable to attend, The JCCIA Women's Division is hoping you will consider donating, and/or sponsoring, for our fundraising efforts to benefit *Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation*.

If you have any questions regarding the fundraising event, please contact Rosemary Ranallo at rosemaryranallo@aol.com. If you have any questions regarding *Children's Neuroblastoma Cancer Foundation* please visit, www.CNCFhope.org.

Thank you in advance for considering to support this worthy cause. Reservation/sponsor form is attached.

Sincerely,

Rose Mary Ranallo
President ,JCCIA Women's Division

Carmela Capriati
Gala Chairman

Mission Statement

The mission of the Women's Division is dedicated to charitable, civic, educational and cultural activities that identify the concerns of Italian Americans as well as all ethnic communities.