

## 10th Annual Cocktails & Karaoke on Nov. 5 to raise funds for chronically ill students at Kunsberg School

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DENVER — Denver's Cocktails & Karaoke movers and shakers are shaking things up for the 10th annual fundraising event on Nov. 5 at Casselman's Bar and Venue. For the first time in its history, the event will feature a live band, adding a new twist to the traditional karaoke experience. The event raises funds for the Kunsberg School for chronically ill students on the campus of National Jewish Health.

Kunsberg School is a free dayschool for 90 kindergarten through eighth grade students, all of whom have chronic illnesses. Most families of Kunsberg School students are at or below poverty level. As in years past, attendees raise money for the students by singing or paying to get their friends and co-workers on stage. They also can increase their support by donating money for items the children need, including field trips, physical education equipment and medical equipment.

The mission of Kunsberg School is to provide a safe, friendly and healthy school environment where students succeed academically, medically and socially. Typically, they have fallen behind their peers in school because of illnesses including severe asthma and/or allergies, sickle cell anemia, diabetes, HIV/AIDS and other respiratory and related disorders. Kunsberg students receive care and learn to manage their illnesses from three nurses and National Jewish Health pediatricians.

Kunsberg School students eat nutritious meals, exercise daily and practice positive social interaction. The students learn in small classes from teachers with advanced degrees using the latest educational technology tools; they demonstrate their knowledge by showing steady improvements on the CSAP test and outpacing their peers in similar schools. Upon graduation, Kunsberg students have the skills to lead healthy, productive, meaningful and active lives.

The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Cocktails & Karaoke is led by Event Chair Gary Schwartz, who has been involved with the event since its inception; Kunsberg Chair and former Kunsberg student Brian Parks; and committee members Marc Cohen, Hadley Cox, Andrew Duke, Zach Frisch, Barb Gallagher, Alana Morris, Dana Pluss Parks, Merc Pittinos, Mary Claire Pittinos, Maximilian Potter, Taylor Schierburg, Ellen Stewart and Donald Vancil.

To attend Cocktails & Karaoke, contact Michael Meyers at 303.728.6576 or [meyersm@njhealth.org](mailto:meyersm@njhealth.org).

National Jewish Health is known worldwide for treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders, and for groundbreaking medical research. Founded in 1899 as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health remains the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to these disorders. Since 1998, *U.S. News & World Report* has ranked National Jewish Health the #1 respiratory hospital in the nation.

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