

## Los Angeles Professionals Support Nation's #1 Respiratory Hospital at Cocktails for a Cause Today

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DENVER — A dedicated community of financial, law, apparel and other professional services leaders in Los Angeles will show their support for National Jewish Health today, June 2 at the 2011 Cocktails for a Cause at The Mark for Events at 9320 West Pico Boulevard in Los Angeles. Leaders of the event, many of whom have supported National Jewish Health for years, include chairman Mark D. Brutzkus of Ezra Brutzkus Gubner LLP.

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.

The Denver institution treats patients from across the country and around the world, including 684 patients from California in the last three years. In that time, National Jewish Health provided \$82,000 in charity care to California patients. Last year, National Jewish Health physicians and nurses also provided their expertise to 6,535 California doctors and residents through advice on the toll-free LungLine® and Physician Line services; 78 doctors who trained at National Jewish Health now practice in the state.

Other members of the event committee include Vicky Balmot; Darrin M. Beer, CIT Group, Commercial Services; Gail Bernstein, PNC Business Credit; Gail Boyle, Union Bank; Mitchell F. Cohen, CIT Group, Commercial Services; Barry C. Cohn, Cohn Handler & Company; Bruce Corbin; Michael Earnhart, Wells Fargo Trade Capital; Martin A. Eckstein, Wells Fargo Capital Finance; Robert Ezra, Ezra Brutzkus Gubner LLP; Lester M. Friedman, Great American Group; Ronald S. Friedman, MarcumStonefield; Ronald Garber, First Capital, Western Region; Rob Greenspan, Greenspan Consult Inc.; Edward Handler, Cohn Handler & Company; Andrew Josephson, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.; Martin Josephson, MarcumStonefield; Jeffrey H. Kapor, Buchalter Nemer; Steven Kurtz, Levinson Arshonsky & Kurtz; Robert K. Lewin, CIT Group, Commercial Services; Fred F. Lionetti, Continental Business Credit Inc.; Jay Mangel, Crowe Horwath LLP; Don Nunnari, Merchant Factors Corp.; Mark Rabkin, Moss Adams LLP; David Rainer, California United Bank; Steven H. Reiner, Skechers; David M. Reza, Milberg Factors Inc.; Eric Shapiro, Manufacturers Bank; R. Douglas Smith, Smith Mandel & Associates LLC; Debbie R. Steinberg, CIT Group, New Business; Tanya Viner, Buchalter Nemer; and Jeremy Weitz, Buchalter Nemer. National Jewish Health leaders come from across the nation, and include three board members and 23 trustees from California.

The business-attire benefit includes hosted cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Individual tickets to the 2011 Cocktails for a Cause benefiting National Jewish Health are \$250 and available at 818.905.1300 or via email at [cronec@njhealth.org](mailto:cronec@njhealth.org).

**National Jewish Health** is the leading respiratory hospital in the nation. Founded 120 years ago as a nonprofit hospital, National Jewish Health today is the only facility in the world dedicated exclusively to groundbreaking medical research and treatment of patients with respiratory, cardiac, immune and related disorders. Patients and families come to National Jewish Health from around the world to receive cutting-edge, comprehensive, coordinated care. To learn more, visit the media resources page.

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