

RARE SISTERS GALA

# expect miracles

OCTOBER 19, 2019

Dear Friend of Rare Sisters,

We write today asking you to join us in making the inaugural Rare Sisters Expect Miracles Gala a success!

We would like to introduce you to our family, and an opportunity to be involved in the community and support medical research. We live in Arvada, CO and have five daughters. On January 3, 2018, our oldest two daughters were diagnosed with CLN3 juvenile Batten disease, which is a rare, fatal, neurodegenerative disease that attacks an otherwise healthy child. Imagine blindness, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's diseases, affecting your child at the same time. Cecilia and Lillian are currently 10 and 8 and are both rapidly losing their sight, have the start of seizure activity, and are experiencing a myriad of behavioral and cognitive changes. Within a few years, both will suffer from complete blindness, seizures, mobility loss, speech loss, cognitive decline, behavior changes, and much more. The life expectancy is late teens to early twenties. With no cure, no treatment and very little research, we have found ourselves in a place where we are expecting miracles, and funding the research to find them.

The Rare Sisters Fund has joined forces with the Beyond Batten Disease Foundation to raise awareness and funds for research into finding a cure for juvenile Batten disease. In 2008, the Beyond Batten Disease Foundation was founded in Austin, TX. They brought a team of researchers from Italy to the Jan and Dan Duncan Neurological Research Institute at Texas Children's Hospital, to focus on a treatment for juvenile Batten disease. After numerous experiments and diligent analysis, this team presented the Batten community with a significant medical breakthrough- a treatment that slows the progression of juvenile Batten disease. At this very moment, it is in the FDA pre-clinical trial phase with a goal of being approved to begin a clinical trial as quickly as possible.

The Rare Sisters Fund has already contributed \$100,000 towards this life-saving research, but that is just the beginning. Securing continued funding for this project and successfully entering clinical trials, would mean that Cecilia, Lillian, and the many other children who need it most, would receive that treatment and researchers would gain valuable, much needed time to focus on finding a cure.

**One of the many ways we are working toward this goal is the Rare Sisters Expect Miracles Gala. It will be held Saturday, October 19, 2019, at The Arvada Center, and is expected to attract 400 guests. Would you consider becoming an event sponsor or an event underwriter?**

In the short time since receiving this devastating diagnoses for our girls, we have come to expect miracles, and we know that we are surrounded by a community of miracle makers. We are in an intense race against time, relying on the prayers and support of family, friends and a generous corporate community. We thank you for your consideration and welcome the opportunity to speak with you further about The Rare Sisters Fund and the Rare Sisters Expect Miracles Gala.

With a very grateful heart,



Beth & Jon Fries  
Parents to Cecilia and Lillian  
Rare Sisters Founders



## EXCLUSIVE UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

All underwriting opportunities include prominent signage at the event, as well as recognition on related event materials and on the Rare Sisters Gala web pages through [raresisters.org](http://raresisters.org) and [BeyondBatten.org](http://BeyondBatten.org). All underwriting commitments and information must be received by September 15, 2019, to be included in printed materials for the event.

### **Expect Miracles Casino Party Underwriter - \$7,500**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes premium, reserved seating for 10 at the event, VIP check-in for you and your guests, 10 additional drink tickets, 10 tickets to Expect Miracles Casino Party, 10 additional Miracle Money tickets (\$300 of play money for the casino), your name/ logo placement on tickets for entrance to the Miracles Casino after party, Miracle Money tickets, and signage at Miracles Casino Party.

### **Dark Hors d'oeuvres Underwriter - \$3,500**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes premium, reserved seating for 10 guests at the event, 10 tickets to Miracles Casino Party, VIP check-in for you and your guests, your name/logo placement on all signage related to the Dark Hors d'oeuvres Experience and recognition in the Dark Hors d'oeuvres presentation.

### **Bar & Drinks Underwriter - \$2,500**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 6 tickets for the event, 6 additional drink tickets, and your name/logo placement on all bar services and drink tickets.

### **Photo Booth Underwriter - \$2,000**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 6 tickets for the event and your name/logo placement on the Paparazzi Wall where guest will receive a commemorative photo.

### **Menu Underwriter - \$2,000**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 6 reserved seats for the event and your name/logo placement on the dinner menu.

### **Favor Underwriter - \$2,000**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 6 reserved seats for the event and your name/logo placement on a favor gift at each place setting.

### **Live Auction Underwriter - \$2,000**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 6 reserved seats for the event and your name/logo placement on Live Auction paddles.

### **Silent Auction Underwriter - \$1,500**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 4 reserved seats for the event and your name/logo placement at Silent Auction table signage and bid sheets.

### **Wine Pull Underwriter - \$1,500**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 4 reserved seats for the event and your name/logo featured on wine bottle wrapping.

### **Rare Sisters Boutique Underwriter - \$1,500**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 4 reserved seats for the event and your name/logo placement at the Rare Sisters Boutique.

### **Dessert Dash Underwriter - \$1,500**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 4 reserved seats for the event and your name/logo placement at the dessert dash table and all dessert dash bid sheets and table number forks.

### **Table Decor Underwriter \$1,500**

Exclusive underwriting opportunity includes 4 reserved seats for the event and your name/logo placement incorporated into the table center pieces.



## **SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

All sponsorships include prominent signage throughout the evening, as well as recognition on related event materials and on the Rare Sisters Gala web pages through [raresisters.org](http://raresisters.org) and [BeyondBatten.org](http://BeyondBatten.org). All sponsorship commitments and information must be received by September 15, 2019, to be included in printed materials for the event.

### **Miracle Presenting Sponsor - \$10,000 (Exclusive to 1 sponsor)**

Includes two premium, reserved tables for 20 guests at event, 20 additional drink tickets, 20 tickets to Expect Miracles Casino Party, VIP check-in for you and your guests, recognition in our evening's presentation, program and signage throughout the event. Presenting sponsor will also be listed with event logo on the majority of materials and signage for the event.

### **Research Sponsor - \$5,000**

Includes premium, reserved table for 10 guests at the event, 10 additional drink tickets, 10 tickets to Miracles Casino Party, VIP check-in for you and your guests, recognition in our evening's program and signage throughout the event.

### **Rare Sisters Sponsor - \$3,000**

Includes premium, reserved table for 10 guests at the event, 10 additional drink tickets, VIP check-in for you and your guests, recognition in our evening's program and signage throughout the event.

### **Advocate Table Sponsor - \$1,100**

Includes premium, reserved table for 10 guests.

\*VIP Check in includes early check in at 5:45, and a VIP Dark Hors d'oeuvres experience starting at 6:00.



## TICKETS

### Individual Tickets

\$100 Early bird pricing before September 15, 2019

\$125 after September 15, 2019

*Tickets include gala event, an opportunity to experience Dark Hors d'oeuvres, meal with wine, and one drink ticket.*

### Additional Drink Tickets

\$8.00 (Alcoholic) or \$3.00 (Non- Alcoholic)

### Miracles Casino Party

\$40 per ticket

Includes \$300 of Miracle Money to play in the casino

Additional Miracle Money

\$20 for \$300 Miracle Money



Thank you for your Sponsorship/Underwriting for the Rare Sisters Expect Miracles Gala. We are so grateful for your support. Please complete the information below, and submit your donation for sponsorship or underwriting. Checks can be made out to Rare Sisters Fund. You may also complete this information online at: <https://beyondbatten.org/events/gala-expect-miracles/>

Primary Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor/ Underwriter Name (as you want it to appear) \_\_\_\_\_

Anonymous

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Choose your sponsorship level:

- \$10,000 Miracle Presenting Sponsor (Exclusive to 1 sponsor)
- \$5,000 Research Sponsor
- \$3,000 Rare Sisters Sponsor
- \$1,100 Advocate Table Sponsor

Choose Your Exclusive Underwriting Opportunity

- \$7,500 Expect Miracles Casino Party Underwriter
- \$3,500 Dark Hors d'oeuvres Underwriter
- \$2,500 Bar & Drinks Underwriter
- \$2,000 Photo Booth Underwriter
- \$2,000 Menu Underwriter
- \$2,000 Favor Underwriter
- \$2,000 Live Auction Underwriter
- \$1,500 Silent Auction Underwriter
- \$1,500 Wine Pull Underwriter
- \$1,500 Rare Sisters Boutique Underwriter
- \$1,500 Dessert Dash Underwriter
- \$1,500 Table Decor Underwriter

Additional information regarding your registration and logo requirements will be emailed to you after you complete your registration.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_