



Third Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament

to be held on July 3rd at the Don CeSar Beach Resort on St. Pete Beach

Benefiting the Jeffrey Modell Foundation,
University of South Florida's Department
of Pediatrics & All Children's Hospital.

Infections, pneumonia, rounds of antibiotics; the world of a child with an immune deficiency means days spent in the doctor's office, sick days at home and multiple doses of medicine. We parents nurture our sick ones and invest countless hours learning about the condition, waiting for the days when they will lead the healthy lives they deserve.

Primary immunodeficiency (PI) affects as many as 1 million Americans, and 10 million people worldwide, causing children and adults alike to battle with frequent and unusually hard-to-cure infections. Often a genetic disorder, about one in 500 people are born with PI and for every one diagnosed, it's estimated that 10 are not.

At a very young age, our two children were diagnosed with PI. Not only are our family and friends committed to learning everything we can for our own children's well-being, we've committed to helping fund research to understand more about the cause and cure for families who will fight the same battle in the future.

Our physician and co-champion in this battle is Dr. John Sleasman, the professor and Chief of the Division of Allergy, Immunology and Rheumatology at the University of South Florida's Department of Pediatrics. Together with the leadership of USF and All Children's Hospital, our group established the Southeast Primary Immunodeficiency Network (SEPIN) under the umbrella of the Jeffrey Modell Foundation.

With an innovative and fun twist on fundraising for the cause, event chairs James Ramos and Derek Alvarez and committee will host the Third Annual Wiffle Ball Tournament on July 3. The festivities will be held at the Don CeSar Beach Resort on St. Pete Beach with a beach bash, barefoot dancing, kid's games and wiffle ball filling the day and continuing with special room rates, music and fireworks.

Results from this event include:

- All Children's Hospital being named a Jeffrey Modell Diagnostic & Research Center, one of 100 prestigious centers in the world.
- Extended funding for All Children's Hospital to assist in curing future generations of primary immunodeficiencies.
- A grant by the JMF to the USF's Department of Pediatrics.
- A comfort and fun area for children at the brand-new Immune Parameters Laboratory and Infusion Center at All Children's Hospital.
- A community education and awareness campaign sponsorship at the new Glazer Children's Museum in downtown Tampa.
- The start of a yearly Jeffrey Modell Kid's Day, where immunology patients of USF and All Children's Hospital can enjoy a day out and just be kids.

To make your reservations and support this worthy effort, please call Connie Ramos at 813.944.2558 or email her at cramos@medicalchampion.com. Checks can be made payable to the Jeffrey Modell Foundation. **All funds raised will be matched 100% by the foundation.**

Thank you in advance for your support,

The Ramos and Alvarez Families

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