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**Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway Hosts Walk to Cure Diabetes;  
Vice President and COO Bob Galterio Captains “Cure For Cara” Team**

**October 29, 2013** – Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway Vice President and COO Bob Galterio’s daughter Cara was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes at age 9, and the Bedford resident immediately was compelled to take action to fight the disease.

So, “Cure for Cara” was born. That was 13 years ago, and on Sunday, October 6, more than 2,500 Empire City employees, volunteers and participants gathered at Empire City at Yonkers Raceway to take action in the Walk to Cure Diabetes for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Galterio served as captain of the “Cure for Cara” team.

With the help of many volunteers and donors, JDRF is moving research from the laboratory bench to the patient's bedside, translating scientific advances into longer, healthier lives for those with diabetes, moving closer to its goal...a cure for diabetes and its complications.

Approximately 2,000 walkers representing local corporations, families, schools, and other organizations participated in the Westchester County Chapter of the JDRF annual Walk to Cure Diabetes on the 6th. The fundraising goal for the chapter is to realize nearly \$600,000 for research to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

“It’s great to be partnering with JDRF and working together on such an important goal – curing a disease that kills one American every three minutes. The recent statistics are staggering and reveal that health care expenditures surrounding diabetes cost our nation more than \$174 billion,” says Corporate Walk Chair, Bob Galterio, Vice President and COO of Empire City Casino. “These are the reasons we are committed to raising money for the cutting-edge research that JDRF funds. By working together, we can make a difference.”

**About JDRF**

JDRF is a leader in setting the agenda for diabetes research worldwide, and is the largest charitable funder and advocate of type 1 diabetes research. The mission of JDRF is to find a cure for diabetes and its complications through the support of research. Type 1 diabetes is a disease which strikes children and adults suddenly and requires multiple injections of insulin daily or a continuous infusion of insulin through a pump. Insulin, however, is not a cure for diabetes, nor does it prevent its eventual and devastating complications which may include kidney failure, blindness, heart disease, stroke, and amputation. Since its founding in 1970 by parents of children with type 1 diabetes, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.4 billion to diabetes research, including more than \$100 million in FY2009. To register now and participate, sponsor the event, build a Walk team, or for more information please visit [www.walk.jdrf.org](http://www.walk.jdrf.org) or call the JDRF Westchester County Chapter at 914-686-7700.

**About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway:**

Empire City Casino, one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the country, features 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo; year-round harness racing & International simulcasting from North America’s leading harness and thoroughbred venues; nightly live entertainment including party, tribute & Latin bands, dueling pianos, comedy, karaoke & more. A plethora of dining options include authentic Italian cuisine at *Nonno’s Trattoria*; trackside dining with live betting at *Empire Terrace Restaurant*; and convenient options at the *International Food Court* or the *Grab ‘n Go*. A new \$50 million expansion added *Dan Rooney’s*, a high-energy sports bar; *Pinch*, in collaboration with Ducasse Studio, features 100 New York craft beers; and *Alley 810*, a craft cocktail lounge rounds out the entertainment options with retro bowling lanes. Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway is located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (at Central Avenue) in Yonkers, New York, Westchester County (I-87 to Exit 2), open seven days a week from 9:00am to 4:00am. Visit [www.empirecitycasino.com](http://www.empirecitycasino.com) or call 914.968.4200 for more information.

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