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EMPIRE CITY CASINO AT YONKERS RACEWAY TO HOST JDRF ONE WALK

Annual event scheduled for Sunday, October 23rd, has helped raise over two million dollars to help those affected by type one diabetes, including a member of the Empire City Casino family

Yonkers, New York – [Empire City Casino](http://EmpireCityCasino.com) at Yonkers Raceway announced today that for the fifth year, JDRF’s One Walk will be held on the track. On Sunday, October 23, thousands will come out and walk and raise funds that will help JDRF find a cure. Registration opens at 9 AM and the walk begins at 10 AM.

Empire City Casino has hosted the annual charity event the last five years to raise awareness for a cause that hits close to home. Empire City Casino VP and COO Bob Galterio’s daughter Cara has been a type one diabetic since she was nine-years-old. Motivated to help the millions of families impacted by diabetes each year, Bob Galterio swooped into action to host the annual event, which is one of more than 200 JDRF walks taking place around the world. Type one diabetes is an autoimmune disease in which a person’s pancreas stops producing insulin, a hormone that enables individuals to gather energy from food.

“It is so important to be working alongside JDRF on such an important goal – curing a disease in which 80 people are diagnosed with every day,” said Bob Galterio, VP and COO of Empire City Casino and the host of the JDRF Walk. “JDRF’s One Walk is a morning full of celebration, community and families gathering together to support their loved ones with type one diabetes.”

Since the first walk held at Empire City Casino in in 2012, JDRF One Walk has raised over \$2 million dollars to help fight type one diabetes. Of that \$2 million, over \$250,000 has been raised collectively by the casino’s own 1,300+ employees. Those who want to participate can register at walk.jdrf.org/yonkers, and those who choose to cheer on their loved ones participating can enjoy a variety of games and food trackside.

“JDRF is immensely appreciative of Empire City’s participation,” said JDRF Executive Director, Margie Ostrower. “This is corporate citizenship at its finest. The commitment of Bob Galterio and the Empire City Casino team enables us to accelerate research to find a cure for diabetes. Insulin is not a cure, merely life support for the estimated 1.25 million Americans suffering from type one diabetes and its complications. Research and a cure is the only answer.”

JDRF’s One Walk program raises nearly \$90 million a year at more than 200 walk sites around the county. For more information on Empire City Casino, please visit www.empirecitycasino.com. To register for the JDRF walk, please visit walk.jdrf.org/yonkers or call the JDRF office at 914-686-7700.

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About Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway

Empire City Casino is one of the largest entertainment and gaming destinations in the northeast. Featuring 5,300 of the hottest slots, electronic craps, roulette, baccarat and sic bo, Empire City Casino also offers guests year-round harness racing and International simulcasting, live entertainment including the best party, tribute and Latin bands, comedy, New York's hottest DJ's, and more. A plethora of dining options will satisfy even the most discerning palate with Italian cuisine at Nonno's Trattoria; Dan Rooney's, a high-energy sports bar; Alley 810, a craft cocktail lounge with retro bowling lanes; and convenient delicious options at the International Food Court or Lil' Cocina. Visit Empire City Casino at Yonkers Raceway located at 810 Yonkers Avenue (off I-87 at Central Avenue) Yonkers, NY, Westchester County, open seven days a week from 10:00am to 6:00am. Visit www.empirecitycasino.com or call 914.968.4200 for information.

About JDRF

JDRF is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Driven by passionate, grassroots volunteers connected to children, adolescents, and adults with this disease, JDRF is the largest charitable supporter of T1D research. As the largest charitable supporter of T1D research, JDRF is currently sponsoring \$568 million in scientific research in 17 countries. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and research-related education.