

OFFICE OF NANCY REAGAN

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Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings to all of you tonight at the 7th Annual JDRF Hope Gala, honoring Robert Klein. It is my great pleasure to add my congratulations to the many accolades Robert is receiving for his extraordinary efforts on behalf of victims of juvenile diabetes.

Any parent will tell you their worst nightmare would be the serious illness of their child. As the parent of a child with juvenile diabetes, Robert felt the fear and frustration of watching his son struggle with the reality of living with this terrible disease. He was compelled to try to do something about it – and *something* he did. Robert has been working for many years to raise awareness and critical funds for research to help find a cure for diabetes. And now his leadership in the movement to ensure funding for stem cell research in California has created new hope for victims of diabetes, Parkinson's, Alzheimer's and other tragic diseases.

As a result of Robert's efforts and that of so many others, we are getting closer to the day when our loved ones will no longer suffer from diabetes and many other diseases. I thank you all for your commitment and generosity, and hope you have a wonderful evening.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in gold ink that reads "Nancy Reagan". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation
Greater Bay Area
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