

# CARE *and* CURE



A BENEFIT TO  
**END EPILEPSY**  
IN CHILDREN

## HONOREE 2011

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## EVENT

Beverly Wilshire Hotel  
June 14, 2011

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# Fact Sheet

## *Date & Time*

Tuesday • June 14, 2011 • 6:00 PM Cocktails and Silent Auction • 7:00 PM Dinner and Awards

## *Honoree*

Bryan Lourd • Managing Partner • Creative Artists Agency

## *Location*

Beverly Wilshire Hotel • Beverly Hills • California

## *The Need*

- Epilepsy affects about 3 million Americans of all ages -- more than those with cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease combined.
- In the U.S., epilepsy currently affects more than 326,000 children under the age of 15, and more than 90,000 of them suffer from severe seizures that cannot be adequately treated.
- Uncontrolled seizures can damage the developing brain and result in developmental delays, severe functional limitations and even death.
- Treatment of children with epilepsy is severely hampered by a shortage of pediatric neurologists, with average wait time of six months or more in regional clinics.
- Epilepsy research is substantially under-funded. On a per patient basis, epilepsy research received only \$50 of federal funding in 2009 compared to \$405, \$186, and \$101, respectively, for multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, and Alzheimer's disease. Non-profit foundations contributed less than \$10 million to epilepsy in 2008, less than half the amount directed to autism and less than a quarter of the funding directed to Parkinson's disease.

## *The Mission Of Our Local Epilepsy Foundation*

We fulfill our mission by leading the fight to END EPILEPSY. We dedicate the Care and Cure Benefit to thousands of children with epilepsy who urgently need specialty care while they hope for cures. Your donations enable us to support the training and work of pediatric neurology and epilepsy specialists and researchers in our region, and to care for and connect families.

## *The Goal Of The Benefit Dinner*

A child's life can be dramatically altered by epilepsy and the outcome and effects on the brain can be far worse if the child cannot access specialty care. The Care and Cure Benefit helps ensure children receive specialty care faster, TODAY, and also invest in research and hope, TOMORROW. The goal of the Benefit is to raise significant funds to increase the number of doctors in pediatric neurology/epilepsy so that no child has to wait to see a specialist. Fulfilling this crucial need will enable parents, specialists, and the children, themselves, to join our fight to END EPILEPSY.

## *Accomplishments*

Previous Care and Cure Benefits have provided support for local initiatives:

- The training of epilepsy specialists at the UCLA Pediatric Epilepsy Program
- The only pediatric neurology specialist at USC Keck School of Medicine
- Pediatric epilepsy research
- Conferences, seminars, social activities and camp programs to inform and connect children and families affected by epilepsy
- Education about epilepsy in schools
- Stem cell research
- The UCLA Dietary Therapy Program

## *More Information*

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