



Dear Friend,

On Monday, July 1st, my wife, Kristina, and I are hosting a golf fundraiser in honor of our daughter, Ellie. The fundraiser, Ellie's Par-Tee For CURED, will be held at East Aurora Country Club, and all profits raised will be donated to the CURED Foundation (Campaign Urging Research for Eosinophilic Disease). We expect the event to be an enjoyable day of golf, food, drinks, and socializing for the purpose of raising money for a great cause that directly impacts our family. We hope that you can join us, and if interested, we are looking for corporate sponsors (please see attached corporate sponsorship options) as well as items to be raffled and auctioned.

**about ellie.**

Ellie is our gorgeous, courageous, tough, fun-loving, hysterical, and at times mischievous three-and-a-half year old daughter. In July 2011, Ellie was diagnosed with a rare disease called Eosinophilic Esophagitis (EoE), which is an allergic inflammatory condition of the esophagus which results in scar tissue forming in the esophagus, difficulty swallowing, food impaction, and other symptoms. Ellie's uncle and three cousins also suffer from the disease.

In August 2012, after exploring several modifications to her diet to alleviate her symptoms, we, along with her renowned doctors from Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center, collectively decided to remove all food from her diet and place her on an amino acid based formula that allows her to get the necessary nutrients to survive. From August until December 2012, the formula was initially administered through a NG feeding tube. In December the NG tube was removed, and Ellie underwent surgery to place a G-tube directly into her stomach, which will be used to administer the formula for the coming years. Today, Ellie "eats" a special formula 3 times a day through her tube, and feeds continuously 11-12 hours every night. There is no certainty that she will ever eat 'normal' food again. She will trial foods over the next several years to determine what, if any, foods her body can tolerate without triggering the disease. Every 12 weeks, we travel to Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center for endoscopies with biopsies and meetings with her doctors. Although we still have a long journey ahead of us, we are encouraged by how well Ellie is thriving, and we are hopeful that we will be able to identify enough 'safe foods' and permanently remove the need for the formula diet in the coming years.



**about the CURED foundation.**

We are donating all profits to the CURED (Campaign Urging Research for Eosinophilic Disease) Foundation, where 100% of the profits will go to research. CURED is a not-for-profit foundation dedicated to raising public awareness, education, and funding for research to help provide treatments and a cure for Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders (EGIDs). For more information, please visit [www.curedfoundation.org](http://www.curedfoundation.org).

**about east aurora country club and this year's event.**

This year's event will take place on Monday, July 1st, at East Aurora Country Club, home of the International Junior Masters. The tournament day starts at 11:00 with registration, lunch, and contests followed by a 12:30 shotgun start. The format will be a 4-man scramble. For anyone that is interested, we have arranged for discounted hotel accommodations at the historic Roycroft Inn, which is located in East Aurora and is a short distance from the golf course.

For more information, email us at [elliespartee@gmail.com](mailto:elliespartee@gmail.com) or call Ryan at 716-225-4032. We hope to see you on July 1st! On behalf of our family, thank you for your consideration and support. The Martin Family.

*Ellie's par tee* *makayla Kristina Ryan*

