



## **Dallas Community Comes Together to Raise \$100,000 for CureDuchenne at Champions in Dallas**

*Dallas' Finest Unites to Advance Innovative Research and Care  
for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy*

**Dallas, TX – October 22, 2024**— The Dallas community came together in an extraordinary show of support at *Champions in Dallas* on October 3, 2024, raising \$100,000 for CureDuchenne, a leading nonprofit dedicated to finding a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Held at the stunning DHV Artworks, the event was a night filled with culinary excellence, fine wine, and heartfelt moments, all in the name of advancing research and care for individuals living with the degenerative neuromuscular disease.

The evening was graced by Dallas' most prominent business leaders, philanthropists, and influencers, who shared in their commitment to find a cure for Duchenne. Guests enjoyed a culinary adventure featuring a variety of flavors curated by top Dallas chefs: Chef Jon Stevens, Stock and Barrel; Chef Mark Wootton, Garden Café; Chef Scott Girling, Osterio Il Muro; and Chef DAT, private and pop up. Exquisite wines from Simon Family Estate, Rewa Vineyards, and 32 Winds were represented. Adding to the evening's ambiance were the elegant sounds of the Dallas String Quartet.

The event carried special meaning for Dallas resident and Champions in Dallas Chair Kate Miner Moebel, whose 10-year-old grandson, Shepherd, was diagnosed with Duchenne in 2019. "From the moment Shepherd was diagnosed, I knew I had to act. My heart was filled with a desire to raise awareness and funding, and tonight has reaffirmed that mission. Seeing this incredible community come together to support CureDuchenne gives me hope for Shepherd's future and for all the boys affected by this disease," shared Kate.

CureDuchenne's founder and CEO, Debra Miller, expressed deep gratitude for the success of the evening. "This event is a testament to the power of community. Every dollar raised brings us closer to new treatments and, ultimately, a cure for Duchenne. We are so thankful to everyone who contributed to making this night unforgettable."

The success of *Champions in Dallas* would not have been possible without the support of hosts Cary and Dr. Mark Deuber, Lucinda Buford, Allie Beth Allman & Associates, Dr. Eric Olson, Dr. Laurie Clark, and Dr. Diana Castro and Dr. Shai Manzuri. Their dedication, along with the generosity of event partners and sponsors such as Brit Rose, American Airlines, UT Southwestern, and the Steele Family, played a vital role in making the evening a resounding success.

Debra Miller added, "Champions in Dallas is about more than just an event. It's about giving families hope and funding research that can change the course of Duchenne. Together, we are getting closer to a cure."

For more information on how to support CureDuchenne and continue to drive progress toward a cure, please visit [cureduchenne.org](https://cureduchenne.org).

### **About CureDuchenne**

Twenty years ago, CureDuchenne was created with one goal: to find and fund a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, one of the most common and severe forms of muscular dystrophy. Today, CureDuchenne is recognized as a global leader in research, patient care, and innovation for improving and extending the lives of those with Duchenne. CureDuchenne's innovative venture philanthropy model has advanced transformative treatments for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, including 18 projects that advanced to human clinical trials and multiple projects to overcome the limitations of exon-skipping and gene therapy. In addition, CureDuchenne contributed early funding to the first FDA-approved Duchenne drug, pioneered the first and only Duchenne physical and occupational therapist certification program and created an innovative biobank and data registry, accelerating research toward a cure. For more information on how to help raise awareness and funds needed for research, please visit [cureduchenne.org](https://cureduchenne.org).