

Hello, Dahlings!

The Divas have a message to share with you about diabetes. We were at tea just the other day (using Splenda as our sweetner of course), when we realized that the Ride to Cure Diabetes is coming up next month. Mom (Trish Patterson) has been training all summer to be ready for the 100 mile ride through Death Valley, California.



Now, dahling you must know that the divas need a cure. We have had shots - 3 or more a day, mind you - and blood glucose checks - up to 8 a day sometimes - to keep our blood sugar under control. Ouch! And everything has to be planned around our insulin needs, food intake and exercise. Balance, dahling. That's the key word for divas with diabetes.

It occurred to us on a recent shopping jaunt that we must raise critical research dollars. Why if every diva would give up just one pair of shoes a year, do you have any idea what kind of research we could fund around the world? It would be record breaking! The cure would surely be found.

We've known about JDRF (The Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation) forever! All divas with diabetes know that they have excellent philanthropy ratings. We give up shoe shopping for a charity, the divas have looked at their record! (See the enclosed Newslite, dahling - it's truly a tell-all about their track record!).

Back to the bike ride - Trish Patterson needs your help! The divas have been keeping up with her training dahling - She has put in the miles to get ready for this ride. And let me tell you about how hot it is in Death Valley! Whew! (We are NOT talking Clemson, SC either, dahling! We're talking Desert. We're talking California! Trish knows what divas with diabetes go through so she's clipping in those pedals and making the trek for us.

Now here's what you have to do. Think about five things that you can give up this week. And dahling, if **we** can give up shoe shopping you can give up lunch - or something even more expensive. We figure since you have better jobs than the divas, you can really make the big sacrifices. Just look at these faces. The divas are counting on you to help Trish reach her goal of \$5,000. And our goal of a cure.

In mid-October, we'll be cheering Trish on so - Dahling - just send the check. It's a tax deduction for you - and a cure for us. Use the sponsorship form enclosed and we'll send you a personal piece of original art from the divas - In fact, we'll sign it! Thanks for helping us - and remember - you could be a part of the crowd with big hearts that can say - Hey, I helped cure diabetes.

Bless Your Heart!

McKenzie Mulkey And Friends

(For Trish Patterson)

The Divas

