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THE NRFTD RAISES \$100,000 PLUS FOR LYME RESEARCH

The National Research Fund for Tick-borne Diseases, Inc. (NRFTD) raised over \$100,000 at its Fall Fundraiser "Jazz It Up For Lyme Research". The event, hosted by Weston residents, Melissa and Geoffrey Bradshaw-Mack, was held at the Aspetuck Valley Country Club on Thursday evening, November 8, 2007 in support of the NRFTD's mission to raise funds for scientific research directed at finding a cure for Lyme and other tick-borne diseases.

Melissa Bradshaw Mack and Weston resident, A.J. Bartley both described their personal journeys with Lyme disease. Ms. Bradshaw Mack said "It is because Lyme disease has affected our family so profoundly that I am committed to raising funds for the NRFTD. Its scientific research focuses on the eradication of tick-borne disease." In his speech, A.J. Bartley said "I have suffered with this disease for a number of years and it has profoundly changed my life and my future. I now know that the only way we can beat this is through the research that the NRFTD is conducting."

Cathy Morrissey, NRFTD's Research Chair, described the efforts of the organization's world-renowned Scientific Advisory Board to insure that the money raised is quickly allocated to those projects which will have the greatest curative impact on tick-borne illnesses.

Leo J. Shea III, Ph.D, Chairman of the NRFTD Board appealed to the 115 guests to fund the vital research of the NRFTD. "Tonight you have heard the facts about Lyme disease and its debilitating physical, emotional and financial effects on the lives of those impacted. While other Lyme organizations focus on education and advocacy, the NRFTD is the nation's first non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to funding scientific research in the rapidly expanding field of tick-borne diseases."

The event, generously sponsored in part by Richard and David Whitman of Connecticut Tick Control and The Bank of New Canaan came to an exciting close with the announcement of a \$30,000 matching grant which was in addition to the money previously raised that evening.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation toward the matching grant, please do so by sending it directly to the NRFTD, P.O. Box 643, Wilton, CT 06897. For further information please visit www.nrftd.org.

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