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**Meet Someone Who Is Cured of Type 1 Diabetes!**  
**Islet Cell Transplantation Recipient Anne Seidel Is Coming To Bakersfield!**  
**Save The Date - Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**

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**You won't want to miss out on a wonderful and rare opportunity to meet someone who is "cured" thanks to the generous support of people like you.**

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Islet transplant recipient Anne Seidel of Dallas, Texas, lauds the experimental procedure as a miracle that has, in effect, "cured" her of diabetes.

Anne was diagnosed with juvenile (type 1) diabetes at the age of 6, over 35 years ago. Her son, Charlie, was diagnosed four years ago at the age of two. A native of Dallas, Anne became a member of the Board of Directors of the Dallas Chapter of JDRF as soon as she received the news of Charlie's diagnosis. In spite of having to deal with retinopathy and other diabetes-related complications over the past few years, Anne became increasingly devoted to JDRF and the search for a cure.

Although Anne always strived to manage her diabetes well and not allow it to stop her from living her life, her fight against diabetes became much more personal and intense after Charlie's diagnosis. "I was no longer just a woman with a chronic disease," she remembers. "I also became a mother fighting for my child's life."

Aware that JDRF had increased its investment in islet cell transplantation research — with breakthrough results reported over the last two years — Anne placed her name on the waiting list and on February 5, 2003, she received her first of three islet transplants in Houston, Texas. Her blood sugar levels began to register between 80 and 100 (normal range for a person without diabetes) and she feels better now than she has in her entire life. She no longer requires insulin injections to stay alive.

Her exuberant attitude and radiant smile represent the greatest hopes and dreams of every member of the JDRF family. She is living proof of the dramatic success of islet transplantation to restore normal blood sugar levels in people with juvenile diabetes.

On the other hand, researchers still have much more work to do before islet transplantation can be considered a true cure and can be made available to all people with diabetes, including children. As of now, islet recipients must remain on a lifetime regimen of immunosuppressive drugs to prevent rejection of the transplanted islets. Therefore, only adults with severely unmanageable blood sugar levels or hypoglycemic unawareness, like Anne, are eligible for the procedure.

More convinced than ever that research is the answer, Anne herself plans to be at the forefront of such efforts—she is a member of the National Research Lay Review Committee, a select group of volunteer leaders within JDRF who determine the most effective research projects in getting JDRF toward the goal of a cure.

**Please plan on coming out and meeting Anne at Seven Oak Country Club on Sunday, July 27, 2003, to see your support of JDRF at work. Invitations and event details to follow.**

**For additional information, please contact the Bakersfield Chapter of JDRF at (661) 636-1305.**

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