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Congenital Hyperinsulinism International to Host Sugar Soirée Nov. 17 With ‘CBS This Morning: Saturday’ Host Michelle Miller

Journalist and ‘CBS This Morning: Saturday’ host Michelle Miller will chair the benefit in support of families living with congenital hyperinsulinism

SCARSDALE, N.Y. — Congenital Hyperinsulinism International, the leading nonprofit advocating for congenital hyperinsulinism research, support, and awareness, will host the Sugar Soirée Nov. 17. The gala at the Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, New York will benefit hyperinsulinism research and awareness, and families living with the rare disease.

Emmy Award-winning “CBS This Morning: Saturday” co-host and CBS News national correspondent Michelle Miller will host the event as an honorary chair. CHI supporters Thaïs and Marc Stuart will chair the event. The nonprofit will honor Dr. Lisa States, pediatric radiologist at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, for her work on the study FDOPA PET/CT, integral to the cure many hyperinsulinism patients have received through life-changing surgery. The Stuarts will be honored with an award for their altruism and generosity in the face of loss.

Isabel Calderón, mother of an HI child, will be honored for her work on patient-powered research, including the HI Global Registry, an online platform for the HI patient community to share their experiences, helping researchers better understand HI to advance better treatments, a potential cure, and more timely and accurate diagnoses.

The soirée’s location, the Fenway Golf Club, was established in 1924 among 155 acres of rolling hills with architect A.W. Tillingast and is named after “The Last of the Mohicans” author James Fenimore Cooper.

Funds raised at the Sugar Soirée will support vital awareness to prevent prolonged hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, which can often go undiagnosed leading to brain damage and death; research supporting a cure for the disease; support for patients including helping them receive specialized treatment, genetic testing, medication, supplies and care for families living with hyperinsulinism; and meetings and conferences for HI families and medical personnel.

Tickets, tables and sponsorships for the benefit are available for purchase online at <https://congenitalhi.org/2018-sugar-soiree/> or by phone at 973-544-8372.

ABOUT CHI

Congenital Hyperinsulinism International is the leading global organization dedicated to supporting children and adults born with hyperinsulinism. Founded in 2005 by parents of children with hyperinsulinism, the 501(c)3 organization works to fund research leading to better treatments and a cure for the rare disease. The nonprofit raises awareness of the dangers of prolonged hypoglycemia and supports families living with the disease. U.S. donations to CHI are tax deductible.

ABOUT CONGENITAL HYPERINSULINISM

Congenital hyperinsulinism (HI) is the most frequent cause of severe, persistent hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar, in newborn babies and children, occurring in one of every 25,000 to 50,000 births. HI can lead to brain damage if it is not diagnosed or if treatment is ineffective in preventing hypoglycemia.

In people with HI, the pancreas is blind to the blood glucose level and makes insulin regardless of the body's blood glucose concentration. HI then denies the brain all the fuels on which it relies. This leads to dangerous levels of hypoglycemia. Prompt treatment of hypoglycemia due to HI is essential to prevent brain damage.