

Special Edition Diabetes Update

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Children's Congress June 22-24, 2009

Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International

Every two years, JDRF International Chairman Mary Tyler Moore and over a hundred children with type 1 diabetes gather in Washington, D. C. to meet face-to-face with some of the top decision-makers in the U.S. government. The children, ages 4 to 17, represent all 50 states and the District of Columbia. As participants in JDRF's Children's Congress, they have a unique and empowering opportunity to help Members of Congress understand what life with type 1 diabetes is like and why research to find the cure for diabetes and its complications is so critical.

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Youngest Jonas Brother Visits Whitehouse

WASHINGTON (AP) — The youngest Jonas brother spent Tuesday lobbying Washington's power brokers on behalf of diabetes research — starting with the big guy, President Barack Obama.

Clad in a white oxford shirt (no tie) and a gray blazer with the sleeves pushed up, Nick Jonas, 16, stopped by the White House for a photo with the president and children who are living with diabetes.

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My life depends on it," said Jonas, 16. "All our lives depend on it.

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Odessa boy, 11, going to Washington to push for diabetes cure

Jacob Rivers, 11, is going to Washington, D.C., but not for the annual family vacation. Rivers, of Odessa, is representing Florida as a delegate in the 2009 Children's Congress.

Rivers is one of 150 children throughout the U.S. selected to represent their states on Capitol Hill this summer. His mission: to remind Congress of the critical need to find a cure for a disease that he and the other 150 kids live with daily—type 1, or juvenile, diabetes.

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