

Emmanuel Cancer Foundation to Honor Jonathan and Alene Herman

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The Emmanuel Cancer Foundation (ECF), 1710 Highway 71, Wall Township, is honoring Jonathan and Alene Herman, Manhattan, at its 13th Annual Winter Gala "Hollywood Nights," at the Jumping Brook Country Club, Saturday, February 22, 2014, 6:00 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets are \$150.00 each and include a cocktail hour, dinner with a six-hour open bar; live entertainment by Slim Chance and the Gamblers; a DJ; a casino, including horse racing; a fortune teller; a photo booth; caricatures; a sports memorabilia auction, and more. Prizes include one-week accommodations in Mexico, signed memorabilia, and two tickets to the Emmy Awards.

It was during his traumatic childhood that Jonathan Herman realized the value of good support systems, ranging from family to caring organizations. Both Jonathan's parents died at a young age from cancer. His maternal uncle and his wife, Joel and Stephanie Markel, welcomed Jonathan and his brother Russell in their home, but tragedy faced this family too. Joel and Stephanie Markel's second son Ryan passed away from cancer shortly before his first birthday.

It was ECF that helped the family. Jonathan said, "ECF was a strong and supportive backbone for our family in a desperate time of need. The tireless effort of so many people at ECF helped push my family through a very challenging period in our lives."

Jonathan remains grateful and indebted to all those who helped him. "I was once told, 'Only a life lived for others is a life worth living.' I am very lucky that both Preferred Home Health Care (of which Jonathan is COO) and ECF allow me to do exactly that - living a life for others."

Joann Passantino, Eastern regional director of Emmanuel Cancer Foundation, said, "They are truly great people and they generously support ECF. We are so very pleased to honor them."

Contact Passantino at 732-282-2324 or joann@emmanuelcancer.org for more information, tickets, and sponsorship opportunities.

ECF provides specialized services, at no charge, to New Jersey families who are caring for a child with cancer. The services include professional in-home counseling, advocacy on behalf of families; materials support, such as food, clothing, toys, and household items; and emergency financial aid, such as paying for rent or utilities.