



*The International Rett Syndrome Foundation
and Joe & Cindy Meduri
present*

“Ava’s Blues in the Barn”

Turner, OR

May 2, 2009

Family and Friends,

As most of you know our granddaughter, Ava, was diagnosed with Rett Syndrome this past year. She is so precious and beautiful ~ to look at her, you would never know that she has this disorder. We were at first devastated by the news, but grief was quickly overcome by the desire to help find a cure for not only Ava but for all girls and women affected by Rett Syndrome.

Rett Syndrome is a degenerative neurological disorder that affects young girls. It can strike any family, regardless of race or ethnicity. Though there are more than 15,000 girls affected nationwide, there is still no cure. Since IRSF's founding in 1999, it has committed over \$11 million to research and great strides have been made. Most recently, Adrian Bird, Ph.D., former chairman of IRSF's Scientific Advisory Board, released the results of an experiment he conducted which suggest that *the symptoms of Rett Syndrome are reversible*. There is still, however, a great deal to do. We need your help to ensure that we are accelerating the search for treatments and a cure.

So Cindy and I are doing what we enjoy doing - throw a party. We want to raise the crucial funds needed to help fight this devastating disorder ~ we have to be Ava's voice. It will be an evening of food, drink and some of the best Blues music around. We thank you in advance for your support and generosity and look forward to seeing you on May 2, 2009.

Sincerely,

Cindy and Joe



Please complete this form and mail along with payment to:

IRSF

c/o Ava's Blues in the Barn

4600 Devitt Drive

Cincinnati, OH 45246

Please make checks payable to IRSF. To pay with a credit card, please call 513-874-2657.

TICKET PURCHASE:

Please specify the # of tickets you'd like to purchase to attend "Ava's Blues in the Barn" event.

Individual tickets: \$100 each x _____ # of tickets = \$_____

Table for 10 people: \$1,000 each x _____ # of tables = \$_____

(Please list names of guests who are to receive tickets and be seated at your table on the back of this form)

DONATION OPPORTUNITY:

In addition to joining us for the "Ava's Blues in the Barn" event –or- if you are unable to attend, please also consider making a tax-deductible donation in support of the International Rett Syndrome Foundation.

I (we) would also like to make this tax-deductible donation in the amount of \$_____

Name of Business: _____

Individual Name: _____

Address: _____

Primary Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Contact Person: _____

Email: _____

Any questions, please contact **Joe Meduri** at 503.930.9694 (joe@medurifarms.com) or Jenni Grammer at 513.874.2657
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