

SPENDING TIME ENDING RETT

A BENEFIT TO FIND A
CURE FOR RETT SYNDROME.

You are cordially invited to a
festive Southwest evening with
singer & songwriter

KEVIN BLACK

to benefit the

IRSF's Research to Reality Campaign
Distinguished Chair: Clint Black

November 12th, 7:00 PM
at the

RURAL LIFE MUSEUM
4560 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70809-3424

For more information contact 804-519-6231

Tickets: \$75/person
Purchase at <http://irsf.ejoinme.org/batonrouge>

• Creative Country Casual Couture •

*Dedicated to the Louisiana
girls below and everyone
whose lives are touched by
Rett syndrome.*

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What is Rett Syndrome?

Rett syndrome (RTT) is a genetic neurological disorder that occurs *almost exclusively in girls*. Rett syndrome becomes apparent after 6–18 months of early normal development. It results in a regression that leads to lifelong handicaps including loss of speech, purposeful hand use and mobility. It is often misdiagnosed as autism or cerebral palsy.

What is IRSF?

The International Rett Syndrome Foundation is the largest and most comprehensive not-for-profit organization for parents, scientists, interested professionals and others concerned with Rett syndrome. *The mission of IRSF is to support and encourage medical research to find a cure and treatments for RTT, to increase public awareness, and to provide information and emotional support to families of children with RTT.*

Who's Involved and Affected?

Somewhere in the world, every few hours a child is born with Rett syndrome. RTT affects 1 in 10,000–15,000 live female births. There are over 200,000 girls and women worldwide who have Rett syndrome.

Kevin Black's daughter, Cortney, died from complications of Rett syndrome in 2002. In her memory, Clint and Kevin Black are dedicated to making a difference for others living with the devastating impact of RTT.

Several local families and friends have come together to raise critical funding to provide care, advocacy and research that will lead to a brighter future for those affected by Rett syndrome.

Why Now?

Since the discovery of the gene that causes Rett syndrome and recent research that shows the reversibility of RTT symptoms in mice, we now have an unprecedented and historic opportunity to fund crucial new research with the potential to impact millions of lives and advance the understanding of Rett syndrome and many other related disorders. Because Rett syndrome is a classic chromatin disorder, it has become the "rosetta stone" of brain disorders and likely holds the key to unlock treatments and cures for other related disorders including autism, schizophrenia and some forms of mental retardation. *Research can make a difference to provide care today and a cure tomorrow.*

For more information, please call 1-800-818-RETT or visit our website: www.rett syndrome.org