



Family Support Foundation  
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**FSFMI Luncheon Raises \$41,375 to Support Military Service Men and Women with PTSD and other Stress-Related Mental Illnesses**

**Wayne, PA – December 15, 2009**—The Family Support Foundation for Mental Illness is pleased to announce that they have raised over \$40,000 in funds, thanks to loyal corporate sponsors and attendees of the recent “Music for a Cause” luncheon fundraiser. These funds will be used to support the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) – Texas’ “Operation Resilient Families” program, Active Minds, and other programs aimed at eliminating the stigma of mental illness.

“Operation Resilient Families” is a family mental health program developed by NAMI-Texas serving active military, veterans, and their families. The program delivers mental health education and support to military service men and women and their families upon their return from Iraq and Afghanistan. Active Minds is a national non-profit organization, based in Washington D.C., which develops and supports student-run chapters at colleges and universities. They are the only organization currently working to utilize the student voice to change the conversation about mental health issues on college campuses.

The funds were raised at the December 3, 2009 Music for a Cause luncheon, held at Majesty’s Inspirational Dinner Club in Flower Mound, TX. Keynote speaker, Robert “B.J.” Jackson, told his inspiring story of the importance of remaining optimistic and driven after suffering from the loss of his legs and severe burns while in duty serving in Iraq. Guests bid on silent auction gifts while

being entertained by world class pianist and co-owner of Majesty's Dinner Club, Terry MacAlmon. They also enjoyed a delicious menu created by Majesty's owner and Chef Terry Sullivan and Executive Chef David Simonelli.

"FSFMI is proud to host this luncheon to recognize the truly outstanding contribution made by our military service men and women. The hardships that so many of them and their families have had to endure as a result of combat-related stress, deserves more attention," stated Jonathan Foxman, FSFMI Founder and Executive Director. He added, "FSFMI will continue to work to reduce the stigma around mental illness. We are extremely grateful for all of our guests and corporate sponsors who participated in the 'Music for the Cause' event, and helped to raise much needed funds for FSFMI. We are pleased to share these funds with organizations like NAMI and Active Minds that are making such a difference for this cause."

### **About The Family Support Foundation for Mental Illness**

The Family Support Foundation for Mental Illness exists because there is such a great need to improve the lives of so many of our friends, our parents, our children, and our brothers and sisters who face the challenges of mental illnesses themselves or struggle to support a loved one.

The Family Support Foundation for Mental Illness is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit corporation dedicated to the belief that we all should help those suffering feel a little less alone, a little less invisible, a little less like no one understands and no one cares.

For more information on the Family Support Foundation for Mental Illness, visit us online at [www.fsfmi.org](http://www.fsfmi.org) or on our Facebook page at [www.causes.com/fsfmi](http://www.causes.com/fsfmi). For companies interested in helping the Family Support Foundation for Mental Illness make a difference, please contact Jonathan Foxman at [jdfoxman@fsfmi.org](mailto:jdfoxman@fsfmi.org).

## Photos



Jonathan Foxman, FSFMI Founder & Executive Director



Keynote Speaker Robert "B.J." Jackson with Majesty's Inspirational Dinner Club Guard



Terry MacAlmon, Co-owner of Majesty's Dinner Club and World Class Pianist



Silent Auction Gifts

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