

Your Support Makes a **Difference.**

Dear Friend,

On Sunday, July 30th, 2023, 12:00 - 5:00 PM we will be hosting a concert to support the Tourette Association of America (TAA) at the River Rock Restaurant in Brick Township, NJ in honor of our two young boys who have Tourette Syndrome. This event will help raise awareness, while bringing together families and individuals from the local community and metro area who are affected by Tourette Syndrome and Tic Disorders.

Tourette is part of a spectrum of hereditary, childhood-onset, neurological conditions. These conditions affect both children and adults causing them to make sudden, uncontrollable movements and/or sounds called tics (e.g. arm jerking, yelling loudly, head bobbing). While some treatments are available for people with Tourette and other Tic disorders, approaches to care are inconsistent and medications are often ineffective or have several awful side effects. There is no cure for Tourette Syndrome.

The Tourette Association of America has been spreading awareness and building a community for families like us for 51 years. However, they cannot do this without you. Thanks to generous supporters, the TAA can continue to:

- Advance research and clinical trial support
- Coordinate ground breaking treatments through the national centers of excellence programs through the healthcare system to deliver exceptional care for Tourette and Tic conditions
- Provide support, awareness and education to local communities all over the nation through their chapter and support group networks, of which we use often to get the support we need for our two boys.
- Raise awareness and acceptance through video storytelling, public relations and social media campaigns.
- Provide resources to medical practitioners, law enforcement and educators to help children and adults live better lives.

Our event will include musical performances for families and individuals to enjoy, as well as shared stories of inspiration. There will be food and drinks for everyone to enjoy who attends the event

Your support matters to the **1 in 50** school-aged children and adults who face emotional, social, educational, and vocational challenges as a result of their Tourette or Tics. **Thank you** for your consideration and support of this amazing community.

Best Regards,

Christy Mazzarisi
Parent of 2 young boys with TS and advocate for the TS Community

For more information on Tourette visit Tourette.org.
For more information regarding the event, call Christy at 732-691-2992.

