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Balloons Raise \$10,000 for Juvenile Diabetes

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The Great Galena Balloon Race is proud to announce that the 5th annual Great Galena Balloon Race to benefit the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation on June 16, 17, and 18 at Eagle Ridge Resort & Spa raised over \$10,000 for JDRF. The Great Galena Balloon Race has raised over \$20,000 for JDRF over the past 5 years.

This year's three day event presented by Galena State Bank featured 20 piloted hot air balloons, three hot air balloon races, a "night glow extravaganza" on Friday night, a collectors car show, a helium balloon launch, and a golf event. Additionally, hot air balloon rides, children's activities, live music, food, entertainment, and a VIP tent for event partners, provided family entertainment throughout the weekend.

The events sponsors including presenting sponsor Galena State Bank, host sponsor Eagle Ridge Resort and Spa as well as Galena on the Fly and many other tri-state businesses, enabled all proceeds from the events activities and souvenir sales, including dedication bracelets, helium balloon launch, t-shirts, concessions and more to go to benefit JDRF.

Andy and Shannon Williams of 'Galena on the Fly' started the event in partnership with Eagle Ridge four years ago. The event has benefited the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation for the past 4 years. Williams' son, Cooper, age 8, has Juvenile Diabetes.

For additional information regarding the Great Galena Balloon Race, please contact Eric Dregne or Andy Williams, as noted in the contact info above.

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