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***Dinner & Screening of RYR-1 Foundation
Documentary***

September 25, 2017 - The RYR-1 Foundation, the only organization in the world that exists exclusively to serve the needs of and advocate for individuals with RYR-1 myopathy, will be hosting a Dinner and Screening of the ***RYR-1 Foundation Documentary*** on Tuesday, October 24, 2017 at 7:00 pm at Mad Mex Shadyside (220 S Highland Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206) (<http://www.madmex.com/pittsburgh/shadyside>). **All proceeds** will go towards the RYR-1 Foundation to support its efforts in finding a cure for this inherited condition.

To purchase a ticket or to make a donation to support the event, please visit:
<https://www.generosity.com/community-fundraising/dinner-screening-of-ryr-1-foundation-documentary>.

In addition, at the event, **there will be a raffle to win a \$1,000 gift card from Levin's Furniture**. To purchase a chance to win this generous gift, please visit:
<https://go.rallyup.com/ryr1foundation>.

“Because RYR-1 myopathy is so rare, the RYR-1 Foundation is not only supporting research to find a cure, but also attempting to raise awareness of this condition,” said Michael F. Goldberg, MD, MPH, President of the RYR-1 Foundation. “The recently produced RYR-1 Documentary does an incredible job of explaining RYR-1 and what the RYR-1 Foundation is doing on a daily basis to help individuals and families affected by this condition. The Mad Mex event will be great venue to screen this incredible film.”

In addition to the screening of the documentary, Dr. Jerome Parness, Professor of Anesthesiology at the University of Pittsburgh, will speak about malignant hyperthermia, a potentially fatal complication of general anesthesia related to mutations on the RYR-1 gene. Dr. Parness is also a member of the RYR-1 Foundation’s Scientific Advisory Board (<http://www.ryr1.org/scientific-advisory-board>).

The RYR-1 Foundation is appreciative of the sponsors for this event:

Levin’s Furniture (<http://www.levinfurniture.com>) *and*

Law Firm of Strassburger McKenna Gutnick & Gefsky (<http://www.smgglaw.com>)

About the RYR-1 Foundation

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based public charity was launched in October 2014 by members of the Goldberg family, who have been affected by RYR-1 muscle disease. It is currently the only organization that exists solely to advocate for and serve the needs of patients with RYR-1 myopathy, the most common cause of congenital myopathy. The mission of the RYR-1 Foundation is to support research leading to effective treatment or a cure for RYR-1 related diseases, to educate physicians about these diseases, and to provide patient/family support and advocacy. The RYR-1 Foundation is a public charity, designated as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS. To learn more about the RYR-1 Foundation, please go to: www.RYR1.org.