

Press Release

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Subject: Dinner with Joe Gannascoli of the Sopranos: Upcoming Fundraiser for Children with Disabilities

“Don’t Stop Believing” Bright Steps Forward, a 501c(3) nonprofit organization, is hosting an authentic Italian Family Style dinner with Joe Gannascoli — a benefit that hopes to raise money for intensive pediatric therapy scholarships for children with disabilities in need of therapy not covered by insurance or other private funding.

The Italian Dinner, on Friday, April 25, 2008, at 8:00 PM at **The Roasted Pepper**, 9893 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines, FL 33024 offers up a classic blend of vintage and current Italian Food, featuring dinner with Joe Gannascoli (Vito of the Sopranos) sure to bring back fond memories of Sunday dinner at Mamas house. Tickets are just \$50 for a full 3 course dinner and proceeds will go to providing much needed therapy for children who otherwise may suffer with untreated major disabilities due to lack of ability to pay.

Joe Gannascoli will make himself available for conversation / autographs and will be selling his best selling book “A Meal To Die For” We will feature a special martini called the “Vito-tini” where proceeds as well will go to the foundation.

Bright Steps Forward was founded by Eileen de Oliveira, a mother of a child born with cerebral palsy who learned how to crawl and walk using both **Intensive Pediatric Therapy** in conjunction with the **TheraSuit Method** and **Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy**. It was this breakthrough in her child’s development that led to Bright Steps Forward.

Bright Steps Forward is committed exclusively to fundraising for scholarships used by children with physical disabilities who haven’t the funds to pay for intensive pediatric therapy—a groundbreaking type of physical, occupational and speech therapy that puts children with disabilities on the fast track toward a more independent life. Because this therapy is relatively new to the United States, it’s not covered by insurance plans, leaving poorer children with few options and the inability to receive care that could permanently change their lives.

The Italian Dinner with Joe Gannascoli is a fundraiser with a great cause and is a great way for families and couples to enjoy a night of fun with a celebrity that has entertained millions in the long running HBO hit series “The Sopranos”

Tickets are available by phone 954-491-6611 or at the door