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## **Martinis for Melanoma; A Benefit for the Melanoma Foundation of New England**

East Greenwich, RI - The Melanoma Foundation of New England announced today that they will be holding a fundraising event, Martinis for Melanoma, presented by SKINPros, this May in East Greenwich.

"We're really excited for this event," said Deb Girard, Executive Director of the MFNE. "We have a lot of local businesses and community members involved with the planning and we're very proud to welcome SKINPros as our title sponsor this year. It's shaping up to be an incredible evening."

The event will take place at Eleven Forty Nine Restaurant in East Greenwich on Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> from 6-9pm. The evening will feature live music by Project Flynn, appetizers and spreads from Eleven Forty Nine and a signature martini available for sale, all included with guests' ticket. Raffle items and sponsorships will be donated by various local businesses in the community. Additionally, Mrs. Rhode Island, Cindy Salazar Burke, will be in attendance.

Being organized by MFNE volunteers, Martinis for Melanoma is an event that holds meaning to all those involved. "This event, and my involvement with the Melanoma Foundation of New England in general, has been one of the most rewarding and empowering choices I have ever made," said Linda Lyons, Rhode Island resident and native. "The M4M event is a wonderfully upbeat way to not only raise awareness and money, but to also come together with friends, family and other survivors for a fun evening. I can't wait to see everyone on May 20th!"

Sponsorships of the event are still available and tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door. More information can be obtained by visiting [MFNE.org/martinis-for-melanoma](http://MFNE.org/martinis-for-melanoma).

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## **About The Melanoma Foundation of New England**

The Melanoma Foundation of New England (MFNE) was founded in 1999 by Mel and Marilyn Rubin in memory of their son Mark who lost his battle with the melanoma. MFNE's mission is to reduce the incidence of melanoma in the New England region. We provide a [variety of educational programs](#) targeting the prevention and early detection of skin cancer and melanoma for both children and adults.

MFNE also assists patients and their caregivers struggling with melanoma by offering [support groups](#), [educational programs](#), and [Billy's Buddies](#), a one-on-one patient advocacy and support program. These programs are all free. A [Medical Advisory Board](#) and [Board of Directors](#) comprised of business

people, health care professionals, and leading melanoma specialists provide guidance to MFNE. Our [fundraising events](#) provide funding for education and support programs aimed at prevention, early detection and support. The Melanoma Foundation of New England is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

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