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**“Everything’s Okay” Continues to Inspire Cancer Survivors and Others Struggling with a Life-Threatening Illness; Author Alesia Shute to Sign Copies of Her Book at Seminole (Fla.) Hard Rock Hotel & Casino’s *Dance for the Cure*, Oct. 17**

**SWEETWATER, N.J. (Oct. 8, 2009)** – Childhood cancer survivor Alesia Shute is making a name for herself, and as a result, cancer survivors and others struggling from a life-threatening illness are benefiting. Shute has been invited back a second time to the Passion Night Club at the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino in Hollywood, Florida to sign copies of her new memoir, *“Everything’s Okay”* ([Escalation Publishing, August 2009](#)). Proceeds from the event, *Dance For the Cure*, on Oct. 17 will go to cancer research. The Alesia Shute Foundation will gift books to the Joe DiMaggio Children’s Hospital and the Gilda’s Club South Florida.

Shute’s story of survival details her battle and recovery from childhood cancer as well as her struggles through school, boys, marriage, pregnancy, and business. A former Sweetwater casino owner, Shute now is using her story to inspire others to battle through life’s struggles. She is donating 100 percent of the profits of “Everything’s Okay” to the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), where she spent much of her childhood years.

*Dance For The Cure* is from 8-11 p.m. with an open bar and complimentary hors d’oeuvres from Blue Point Restaurant from 8-9 p.m. and dancing throughout the evening. A \$10 donation is encouraged and pink attire is preferred. Door donations benefit The Alesia Shute Foundation. Bar proceeds will benefit helping to find a cure for breast cancer.

Born in Philadelphia, Shute, now 48, was diagnosed with cancer at age seven and treated by former Surgeon General of the United States and Surgeon-in-Chief at Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia Dr. C. Everett Koop. After surviving six major and several minor surgeries as a child, plus countless hours of pain and months in the hospital, Shute went on to marry her husband of 26 years, Cliff, and together they are active donors to The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. They continue to utilize their nightclubs to help raise money for their favorite cause, “Pediatric Aids Research.” They also have used their businesses to hold carnivals and auctions to help families with sick children to pay the bills. Shute was the president of the Timmy’s Regatta Foundation for 10 years, and she and Cliff still donate to Ronald McDonald House in Camden.

**About The Alesia Shute Foundation**

The mission of the Alesia Shute Foundation is to improve the lives of families facing childhood disease, both by making hospital stays more comfortable and by funding the research that will treat or eliminate childhood illnesses. Profits from “Everything’s Okay” are donated directly to The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP).

**About Gilda’s Club South Florida**

Gilda’s Club South Florida is a free cancer support community for women, men, children, and teens with all types of cancer and their families and friends. It offers networking groups, lectures, workshops, specialized children’s and teen programs, and social events in a nonresidential, non-medical, home-like setting. The clubhouse is located in a historic home in downtown Fort Lauderdale on the Tarpon River.

For more information about the Dance For The Cure at Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, call (954) 327-3443 or visit [www.passionnightclub.com](http://www.passionnightclub.com).

For more details about Shute’s story and the book signing, or to request a copy of the book for review, visit [www.everythingsokaybook.com](http://www.everythingsokaybook.com) or contact Shute’s Publisher Corey Blake, president of Writers of the Round Table Press and Escalation Publishing, at [corey@writersoftheroundtable.com](mailto:corey@writersoftheroundtable.com), 224.475.0392.

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