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**CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVOR DONATES 100 PERCENT OF NEW MEMOIR  
PROFITS TO THE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF PHILADELPHIA**

*"EVERYTHING'S OKAY" BOOK SIGNINGS SLATED FOR AUG. 4 IN VINELAND AND AUG. 5 IN HAMMONTON*

**SWEETWATER, N.J. (July 22, 2009)** – Former Sweetwater Casino owner and childhood cancer survivor Alesia Shute will sign copies of her new memoir, "Everything's Okay" (Writers of the Round Table Press, August 2009), on Aug. 4 in Vineland and Aug. 5 in Hammonton. As the title implies, Shute's mission with her memoir is to inspire others coping with and surviving cancer to live a full, joyous life. Shute will donate 100 percent of the book's profits to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

"Writing fiction with imagined hurdles to overcome is one thing; writing a truthful account of the realities is quite another," said Carl T. Smith, author of "Lowcountry Boil," "Nothin' Left to Lose" and "Louisiana Burn." "Alesia Shute has captured the pain of an uncertain life that is always on the edge of collapsing and what it takes to survive tragedies not of our own making. She has done a masterful job and 'Stand up and cheer' is not an adequate description of her story, 'Everything's Okay.'"

Born in Philadelphia, Shute was diagnosed with cancer at age seven. Treated by former Surgeon General of the United States and Surgeon-in-Chief at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Dr. C. Everett Koop, she would go on to survive six major surgeries, several minor surgeries and countless hours of pain and months of hospitalization. She went on to marry her husband of 25 years, Cliff, own and operate several popular nightclubs and restaurants, and help raise her husband's daughter and their son. Along the way, Shute had to grow up quickly and adjust to being sickly and different from others. "Everything's Okay" is her story of survival that details not only her recovery, but also her struggles through school, boys, marriage, and pregnancy, with some hilarious tales of business to boot.

"Now in my 40s, I am healthier and in better physical shape than when I was a teen, and I am blessed for that," said Shute. "I spent my entire life fighting and now, I can speak, write and think with an opened mind about each and every detail as if it was nothing. I am glad to be able to share with everyone my life and hope I can help others cope with similar experiences."

Shute will sign copies of her book Tuesday, Aug. 4 from noon-4 p.m. at Salon Frabrojae Madison Square, 782 S. Brewster Rd. in Vineland and Wednesday, Aug. 5 from 6-9 p.m. at Roccas Towne House, 21 N 3<sup>rd</sup> St. in Hammonton. For more details about Shute's story and the book signings, visit [www.everythingsokaybook.com](http://www.everythingsokaybook.com) or call Shute at 609.226.8181. To request a copy of the book for review, contact Corey Blake, president of Writers of the Round Table Press, at [corey@writersoftheroundtable.com](mailto:corey@writersoftheroundtable.com).

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