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*Roswell Couples Hosts Hope and Light Casino Night: A Chance to 'Bet on a Cure'*

Atlanta, Georgia-September 17, 2007- The first annual Hope and Light Casino Night will take place at the home of John and Kari Albers on Saturday October, 6 from 6:30-9:30 PM.

The Roswell couple expects a full house for an evening of fun and excitement to support The Hope and Light Foundation and children with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA), the leading genetic killer of babies and children under the age of two.

The Casino Night event is a themed informal fundraiser drawing from North Fulton and East Cobb's social and corporate communities. The thrill of authentic table games -Blackjack, Roulette and Texas Hold'Em will make the event a night to remember.

"In addition, guests will enjoy hors d'oeuvres, door prizes and a chance to help babies beat the odds against SMA," said host John Albers.

There is no charge for the event, but donations will be accepted. If you would like to attend, please contact Kari Albers at 770-641-8594. If you cannot attend, but would like to make a donation, please visit [www.HopeandLight.org](http://www.HopeandLight.org).

About SMA: Spinal muscular atrophy is a genetic motor neuron disease caused by the progressive degeneration of nerve cells in the spinal cord and brainstem. SMA rapidly destroys a child's muscle control and strength, leading to the progressive inability to walk, stand, sit up, eat, and ultimately, breathe. Over 50 percent of patients with SMA die before the age of two. There are three types of childhood SMA. Type I is the most severe and most children afflicted with this form of the disease do not reach their first birthday.

About The Hope and Light Foundation: The Hope and Light Foundation is a 501c3 nonprofit organization founded in 2004 dedicated to finding a cure for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA). The Foundation is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia. For more information about The Hope and Light Foundation, visit [www.hopeandlight.org](http://www.hopeandlight.org)

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