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UP THERE WITH SPIDEY

Spider-Man and M.J. may be summer's crime-fighting supercouple, but **Ilyce Randell** and her mother, **Peggy Shapiro-Nyeholt**, are the dynamic duo striking a blow against Canavan disease, a fatal childhood neurological disorder. About 100 guests teamed up at the 10pin Bowling Lounge for the "Rockin' to the '70s Bowling Tournament" benefiting Canavan Research Illinois. Bowlers wolfed down pizza, while others knocked back martinis and rocked to retro music videos playing overhead. "We became fundraisers out of necessity," said Randell, whose 9½-year-old son **Max** is challenging expectations for children with Canavan. "The family planned a charity after the doctors said there was no hope." There are challenges in raising Max, said Randell, but "We are changing the face of this disease," her mother added, especially when Max smiles. Expect to see lots of smiles at CRI's annual charity ball Oct. 13 at the Hyatt Deerfield, where Max, who turns 10 on Oct. 9, will be honored. Visit canavanresearch.org for more information.

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