

## **CNC Machine Tool Builder Okuma Continues Fundraising For JDRF**

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (March 8, 2013) – Okuma America Corporation, a world leader in CNC machine tool manufacturing, will support the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) through corporate fundraising initiatives in 2013. The commitment to JDRF, now in its second consecutive year, is part of Okuma's Community Involvement program, which mobilizes company and employee resources to improve quality of life for fellow citizens.

Okuma joined the JDRF team in 2012 and raised more than \$7,200, making Okuma the sixth ranked company amongst JDRF's corporate fundraising teams for the Greater Western Carolinas Chapter. With a goal for 2013 of \$10,000, Okuma has already jump-started this year's efforts with several fundraising events, including a Super Bowl pool. In addition, Okuma will participate in the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Walk to Cure Diabetes on April 27, 2013 at Carowinds. JDRF anticipates having more than 7,000 walkers this year, raising more than \$1.1 million.

JDRF was founded in 1970 and has spent more than \$1.5 billion on research to find a cure for type 1 diabetes. Although JDRF's primary mission is to find a cure for type 1 diabetes, JDRF also works toward treating type 1 diabetes and its complications, to improve the lives and health of people at every age and every stage of the disease.

To learn more about Okuma's Community Involvement program, visit [LCE1:064A2-GLCE17.6&RE=MC&RI=4102614&Preview=False&DistributionActionID=7199&Action=Follow+Link">www.okuma.com/communityinvolvement](http://www.okuma.com/communityinvolvement) [1].

*About Okuma America Corporation:*

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## About JDRF:

*JDRF is the leading global organization focused on type 1 diabetes (T1D) research. Driven by passionate, grassroots volunteers connected to children, adolescents, and adults with this disease, JDRF is now the largest charitable supporter of T1D research. The goal of JDRF research is to improve the lives of all people affected by T1D by accelerating progress on the most promising opportunities for curing, better treating, and preventing T1D. JDRF collaborates with a wide spectrum of partners who share this goal.*

*Since its founding in 1970, JDRF has awarded more than \$1.6 billion to diabetes research. Past JDRF efforts have helped to significantly advance the care of people with this disease, and have expanded the critical scientific understanding of T1D. JDRF will not rest until T1D is fully conquered. More than 80 percent of JDRF's expenditures directly support research and research-related education. For more information, please visit*

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