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### **ACT for Multiple Sclerosis to Host ‘Hooray for Hollywood’ Spring Gala**

***Sarah Milmet, and 15-year-old Son, Leo, to be Honored March 18th***

***(Palm Desert)*** – ACT for Multiple Sclerosis is hosting its annual Spring Gala – ‘Hooray for Hollywood’ – on Sunday, March 18, 2018 at the Renaissance Indian Wells Resort and Spa, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Beloved local philanthropists – Sarah Milmet, and her 15-year-old son, Leo – will be honored for their generous support of not only ACT for MS – but many charities here in the desert.

ACT for MS provides assistance for Coachella Valley residents living with Multiple Sclerosis, helping clients live stronger longer. Founded by well-known local journalist and society writer, Gloria Greer, in 1999, the organization has grown to offer strength training and massage; adaptive yoga; emotional fitness; an aquatic program; wellness education; peer support activities and electric bill assistance – as well as quarterly luncheons and a client resource center. All programs are free.

The theme for this year’s gala stemmed from Leo Milmet’s love of film. He is a big fan of the movies, and has aspirations to get into the film industry himself one day. The event will feature a red carpet, clips from Leo’s favorite films and decorations which give a nod to the Oscars.

Leo was born in Detroit, Michigan, on January 28, 2003 to Morris and Sarah Milmet. His father died when he was 10 months old. At age 2, Leo moved to West Bloomfield, Michigan, and attended Echo Park and Stepping Stone For Gifted Education. He donates regularly to orphans and people in need. Leo now attends the Jewish Community School of the Desert. He recently won first place in the all-school spelling bee. On Leo’s birthday, he raises money for the Jewish Community School of the Desert and Well In The Desert. Leo’s motto in life is, “Always help others first.”

Leo and his mom, Sarah, are big supporters of many desert charities. Each year, Leo buys two or more Christmas trees at ACT for MS's "Christmas Tree Lane" fundraiser, and donates them to other charities like the Barbara Sinatra Children's Center.

"The Milmets' generosity has helped fund programs that have made a significant difference in the lives of ACT for MS's clients," said Margot Nelligan, President of the Board of Directors. "We are so pleased to be honoring them this year for their philanthropic hearts and support of this community. They are so deserving of this recognition. "

Tickets start at \$300 for an individual seat, and sponsorship levels range from the \$1,000 Grauman's Chinese Theater Donor, the \$2,500 Red Carpet Door, the \$5,000 Hollywood Walk of Fame Star Donor and the \$10,000 Golden Oscar Donor.

For more information on the Spring Gala and ACT for Multiple Sclerosis, or to purchase tickets, go to [ACTforMS.org](http://ACTforMS.org) or call (760) 773-9806.

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