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**LOCAL AUTHOR AND CHILDHOOD CANCER SURVIVOR ALESIA SHUTE TO SIGN COPIES OF HER
NEW MEMOIR, "EVERYTHING'S OKAY," AT LILLISTON FORD, AUG. 27**

Author donating 100 percent of memoir profits to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

SWEETWATER, N.J. (Aug. 6, 2009) – Former Sweetwater Casino owner and childhood cancer survivor Alesia Shute will sign copies of her new memoir, ["Everything's Okay"](#) ([Escalation Publishing, August 2009](#)), on Aug. 27 at Lilliston Ford in Vineland. Shute, who survived six major and several minor surgeries as a child, plus countless hours of pain and months in the hospital, is now donating 100 percent of the book's profits to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), where she spent much of her childhood years.

The book signing is part of Lilliston Ford's customer celebration, which will include live music, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres. Shute will be on hand to meet with customers, share her story and sign books from 5-8 p.m. at the dealership, 833 N. Delsea Drive.

"My son is part of the inspiration behind the book because he was able to do all the traditional things that kids should be able to do like play baseball and hang out with friends and didn't realize that some kids can't do those things because they are battling a chronic illness," said Shute, 47. "I figured if he didn't realize that, there were others out there that didn't, too. I want kids like him to appreciate life, but I also want parents and their kids with a chronic illness to know that everything's okay. I hope my book will inspire others coping with and surviving cancer to live a full, joyous life. I feel very lucky. This is my way of giving back."

"Everything's Okay" has been well-received in the community. Shute sold 100 copies of the memoir at her first book signing earlier this month. Profits from that and future book signings and events will be sent to CHOP.

Born in Philadelphia, Shute was diagnosed with cancer at age seven and treated by former Surgeon General of the United States and Surgeon-in-Chief at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia Dr. C. Everett Koop. She went on to marry her husband of 26 years, Cliff, own and operate several popular nightclubs and restaurants, and help raise her husband's daughter and their son. "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.

For more details about Shute's story and the book signings, visit 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 and Escalation Publishing, at corey@writersoftheroundtable.com.

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