



# CdLS Foundation

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

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## **What - The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arzillo Industries Invitational Softball Tournament to benefit the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation**

**When** - September 27 & 28

**Where** - Northside Park, Norfolk, VA

## **Softball Tournament Raises Awareness, Funds for Genetic Disorder**

*Local family affected by Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) hosts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Softball Tournament*

Norfolk, VA - (September 8, 2014) The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Arzillo Industries Softball Tournament takes place September 27 & 28 at Northside Park in Norfolk, VA. The event is hosted by the Arzillo family of Norfolk, VA, parents of Steven, 20, who was born with CdLS, a rare genetic disorder that causes a variety of physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities.

"We do this softball tournament each year because the CdLS Foundation is near and dear to our hearts," said Julianne Arzillo, mom to Steven. "Our son, Steven, was born with CdLS, and he loves sports (especially softball). It gets him involved in something he loves in a big way."

The goal for this year is to have at least 14 teams in the tournament, with teams having a four game guarantee. Men's teams will play Saturday, and Co-ed teams will play Sunday. Raffle items donated by local businesses and a Home Run Derby will keep guests and teams entertained each day. Proceeds being donated to the CdLS Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides information and support to families affected by CdLS across the country.

"Steven is a great kid. He's outgoing and is really part of the team," said Arzillo. "He will be 21 in December, which is another big milestone for us."

Teams may register by contacting Amy Perry at [AmyperryVA3@yahoo.com](mailto:AmyperryVA3@yahoo.com) or calling 757-613-4134. For more information about CdLS, contact the CdLS Foundation at 800-753-2357 or visit [www.cdlsusa.org](http://www.cdlsusa.org).

### About CdLS

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome occurs in about 1 in 10,000 births. An estimated 20,000 people in the U.S. have CdLS but remain undiagnosed and/or without support services. Individuals with CdLS range from mildly to severely affected, though most have similar physical characteristics including small size, hands and feet; thin eyebrows that meet in the middle; long eyelashes; upturned nose; and thin, downturned lips. Some individuals have limb differences, including missing fingers or arms. Common medical problems include GERD, bowel obstruction, hearing loss, and congenital heart defects. Early diagnosis and intervention are essential to ensure proper management of related medical issues.

### About the Foundation

Founded in 1981, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation is a family support organization that exists to ensure early and accurate diagnosis of CdLS, promote research into the causes and manifestations of the syndrome, and help people with a diagnosis of CdLS and their families make informed decisions throughout their lifetime.

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