



CdLS Foundation

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.
Reaching Out, Providing Help, Giving Hope

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**What – The 3rd Annual Arzillo Industries Invitational Softball Tournament
to benefit the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation**

When – October 19 & 20 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.

Where – City View Park, Virginia Beach, VA

Softball Tournament Raises Awareness, Funds for Genetic Disorder

An area family affected by Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) hosts the 3rd Annual Arzillo Industries Softball Tournament in October to benefit the national CdLS Foundation and help raise awareness for the little-known syndrome.

Virginia Beach, VA – (October 8, 2013) The 3rd Annual Arzillo Industries Softball Tournament takes place October 19 & 20 at City View Park in Virginia Beach. The event is hosted by the Arzillo family of Virginia Beach, VA, parents of Steven, 19, who was born with CdLS, a rare genetic disorder that causes a variety of physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities.

“Steven is a great kid. He’s outgoing and is really part of the team,” said Steven’s mom, Julianne Arzillo. “He graduated from Kings Fork High School in June, and now is working in our family’s business.”

Only 12 teams will be allowed in the tournament, and spots will go quickly. Teams have a four game guarantee.

“We’ve had tremendous response from the community,” said Arzillo. “We have a great bunch of people who come out each year, who know Steven and are excited to help.”

Raffle items, as well as a 50/50 raffle and Home Run Derby will keep guests and teams entertained each day. *City View* concessions will be open as well, with 10% of all proceeds being donated to the CdLS Foundation, a non-profit organization that provides information and support to families affected by CdLS across the country.

Teams may register by contacting Amy Perry at AmyperryVA@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.

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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