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Runner Tackles Chicago Marathon for Daughter with Rare Genetic Disorder

Cape Neddick, ME – (October 8, 2014) Peter Wagner, of Cape Neddick, ME, will join thousands of runners as he toes the starting line at the Bank of America Chicago Marathon October 12. Wagner, and 11 other Team CdLS runners are hitting the pavement for a cause close to their hearts, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation.

"My wife and I own Camp Eaton Oceanside Community (a seasonal RV park) in southern Maine," said Peter Wagner, father to Molly (age 26), who has CdLS. "Some of our 255 customers expressed interest in supporting my 2014 Chicago Marathon run on behalf of the CdLS Foundation. Frankly, we were a bit hesitant to outright ask for their support. Boy, were our fears unfounded. To date over 75 of our customers have donated more than \$4,400, thereby helping me reach my goal three weeks before marathon Sunday!"

One of the most popular marathons in the world, the Bank of America Chicago Marathon takes runners through the streets of Chicago along beautiful and fan-crowded streets and through various city neighborhoods.

"In addition, their well wishes and expressions of support have helped me in these final difficult weeks of training and will, no doubt, spur me on to a successful run on October 12th," said Wagner.

For more information about the CdLS Foundation, or to make a donation, call 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.

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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