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# Eat pizza, raise funds for rare genetic disorder



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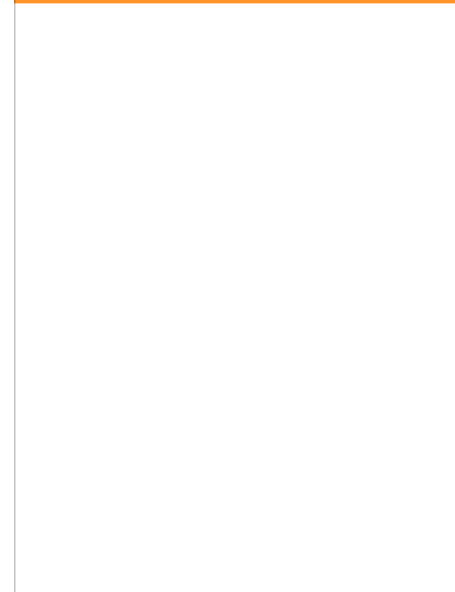
HAMPTON - The Community Oven Pizzeria will host a fundraising night from 5 to 9 p.m. on Aug. 10 for the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation. Though you may have not heard of CdLS, a rare genetic disorder, event host, Brenda Shepard, bets that it's closer to your community than you think.

"It's such a small world, and once I started working for the foundation and learning about CdLS, I quickly realized how many people in my life were affected by, or had someone in their family who has CdLS," said Shepard. "I'm so excited to bring awareness of CdLS to my hometown. I see firsthand how vital funds are used at the organization, and how much families appreciate every dollar that's given. Whether they're in the Seacoast area, or around the country, individuals with CdLS deserve the best chance at a happy life, and I'm proud to help support that."

Shepard is hosting the event to raise funds to go toward her fundraising goals as she prepares to run the Bank of America Chicago Marathon for Team CdLS. Charity runners have fundraising minimums, and Shepard must raise \$1,500 before Oct. 11.

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