



CdLS Foundation

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

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Local Father Gets “DOWN AND DIRTY” for Son with Rare Genetic Disorder

PHILADELPHIA, PA—(July 8, 2015) On July 26, Mike Feehan of Chester Springs, PA, will be partaking in his sixth run for Team CdLS, the Merrell Down and Dirty 5K, in honor of his son Connor, 7, who has Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS).

Every year since his son was two, Mike has run for CdLS and for Connor. He enjoys doing mud runs, having done them the past five years since joining Team CdLS.

“The first year I did the mud run, I vividly remember Connor, who was 2 years old, said I looked like a piggy after the race,” said Mike. “I think he and my family enjoy seeing me get muddy each year.”

Mike enjoys doing the mud runs because it is exciting and allows a runner to do more than just run a 5K, since the obstacles create a great challenge and makes the race more fun.

“I love running for Team CdLS because it provides me with a great way to raise money for the CdLS Foundation. Over the past several years, we have been able to raise a good deal of money by running for Team CdLS in the Philly mud runs. After this year’s event, I believe that we will have raised around \$100,000,” said Mike.

The Merrell Down and Dirty is a national mud run series that involves its runners with various military- like obstacle courses such as rope climbs, rock walls, military walls and tunnels.

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.

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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