



# CdLS Foundation

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.  
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## **Bristol Resident Promoted at National Nonprofit**

Bristol, CT (January 30, 2013)— Kelly Brown of Bristol has been promoted to assistant executive director at the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation located in Avon.

Brown started working part time at the CdLS Foundation in 2008 and became Finance Manger in 2009.

“Kelly has been such a valued member of the CdLS Foundation team,” said Marie Concklin-Malloy, executive director of the CdLS Foundation. “She brings great experience to the table and has become a valued asset for the Foundation and its staff.”

“Becoming assistant executive director is an honor. I am fortunate because I love my job,” said Brown. “I am surrounded by amazing, talented colleagues; dedicated volunteers and appreciative families. As the assistant executive director, I will continue to fulfill the mission of the Foundation.”

Originally from Bristol, Brown is a graduate of Central CT State University. Prior to joining the CdLS Foundation, Brown was treasurer for another non profit for three years, was a staff accountant for an accounting firm and did bookkeeping consulting work.

For more information about the CdLS Foundation or to make a donation, call 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; an 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 is essential to ensure proper management of related medical issues.

### *About the Foundation*

Founded in 1981, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation is a national 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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