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Foundation for Rare Genetic Disorder Funds Three Research Projects

Avon, CT – (September 1, 2016) As part of its 2016 Small Grants Program, the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation awarded $45,000 to researchers studying various aspects of the genetic disorder. The funded projects include:

- *Somatic Mosaicism in Cornelia de Lane Syndrome*, Sarah Noon, M.S., Children's Hospital of Philadelphia
- *Phenotypic evaluation of patients with SMC1A mutations and intractable epilepsy*, Kristin Baranano, M.D., Ph.D., Johns Hopkins University.
- *Genetic analysis of a new Cornelia de Lange-like Syndrome (CdLS), involving TAF1*, Gholson J. Lyon, M.D., Ph.D., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory

Researchers will present their findings at the eighth biennial CdLS Scientific Symposia, June 2018, in Minneapolis, MN.

For more information about the CdLS Foundation or to make a donation, call 800-753-2357 or visit www.CdLS.org.

About Cornelia de Lange Syndrome
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, 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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