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Team CdLS heads to Chicago

Nineteen dedicated runners are set to participate on Team CdLS in the famous Bank of America Chicago Marathon on October 9. Team members are among an estimated 45,000 participants in the 26.2-mile run. The team's goal is to raise \$70,000 for the CdLS Foundation.

Team CdLS has been active since the 2000 Chicago Marathon, when runner Frank Mairano of Collinsville, CT—whose daughter had CdLS—used the occasion to collect donations for the Foundation.

In addition to Mairano, Team CdLS members running in Chicago are Jane Champion of Portland, OR; Laura Cilek of Tallahassee, FL; Breanne Fahey of Chicago, IL; David B. Fowler of New York, NY; Jodi A. Julius of Milwaukee, WI; Jill Kaufman of Plantation, FL; Karen Kosberg of Fort Wayne, IN; Jonathan A. Larence of Lawrence, KS; and Jennifer Lowe of Lapel, IN.

Also, Colleen McShane of Bayside, WI; Kathy Ann Merritt of Chapel Hill, NC; Sam Meyer of Bayside, WI; Marc Needlman of Lincolnshire, IL; Penelope Prior of Chicago, IL; Beth Smisloff of Ballston Spa, NY; Grace Smisloff of Ballston Spa, NY; Justin L. Warren of Milwaukee, WI; and Andrew Welborn of Columbus, OH.

For information on Team CdLS, call the Foundation at 800-753-2357 or go to www.CdLSusa.org.

About CdLS:

CdLS is a genetic syndrome that 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. Although individuals with CdLS range from mildly to severely affected, most have similar physical characteristics: 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, and partial joining of the toes. Common medical problems include gastroesophageal reflux, 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 diagnosis of CdLS make informed decisions throughout their lifetime. For more information, call 800 – 753 – 2357 or go to www.cdlsusa.org.

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