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CdLS Foundation Competes for \$5 million in grants through the Chase Community Giving Program

Avon, CT – (September 4, 2012) The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation is in the running for a share of \$5 million in small grants through the 2012 Chase Community Giving Program.

The Foundation was nominated to participate in the program by Chase customers. Chase Community Giving allows individuals to decide what matters most to them. By helping choose which charities around the country receive grants from JP Morgan Chase & Co, individuals make their voices heard in a powerful way.

From September 6 to 19, families, friends and supporters of the CdLS Foundation can vote for the Foundation one of two ways: cast their vote on Facebook or directly on chasegiving.com. Chase customers with an online account have an additional chance to vote as well, by visiting chasegiving.com and logging into their Chase account.

Grant recipients are announced September 20.

Visit www.ChaseGiving.com for a full list of the official rules, and “Like” and follow our [Facebook timeline](#) to stay up to date with the latest results.

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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. 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 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. To learn more, go to www.CdLSusa.org.