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28th Annual Charity Golf Tourney Benefits Individuals with Rare Disorder

St. Louis, MO – (October 21, 2016) The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation, a national nonprofit family support organization, held its 28th annual CdLS Charity Golf Tournament at the Tapawingo National Golf Club in St. Louis, MO, on October 10.

Madison County Wood Products' Jim Morton and Brian Kesting hosted the event in honor of President Doug Gaines' daughter, Amber, who has CdLS. The condition is a rare genetic disorder that causes a variety of physical, cognitive and developmental disabilities.

"The event was a success as we raised so much for the Foundation. Doug's daughter has CdLS, so it is very near and dear to our hearts," Morton said.

One hundred and sixty five people attended the tournament, which is an average turnout, says Morton. Participants enjoyed 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner, beer, soda, and snacks on the course, along with the opportunity to win both skill and door prizes.

Since 1989, the CdLS Charity Golf Tournament has raised more \$524,000 to help people with CdLS live better, fuller lives. This year over \$45,000 was raised, all of which will benefit the CdLS Foundation.

The tournament was sponsored by Madison County Wood Products; Pallet Logistics Management; TAG Truck Center; Crown Machinery; Weiss & Associates; The Daniel and Henry Co.; Hampton Kiwanis; Pennsylvania and Indiana Lumbermens Mutual Insurance Company; Union Machinery; Magnum Fasteners; Montgomery Bank; PECO Pallet; MFA Oil; Rustic Wood Products, Inc.; Cass Commercial Bank; United Lumber & Reman, LLC; and the Kesting and Dieck family.

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

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Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

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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