



CdLS Foundation

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CdLS Foundation adds new board members

Avon, CT (May 20, 2010) – The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation has added three new members to its Board of Directors. They are Robert Boneberg of Maplewood, NJ; David Harvey of Cumming, GA; and Marc Needlman of Lincolnshire, IL. All three are parents of a child with CdLS.

Robert Boneberg, Maplewood, NJ

CdLS has been a part of Boneberg's life since his son Alex was born with the syndrome 23 years ago. Boneberg, an attorney with Lowenstein Sandler in New York City, also serves as board chair of Free the Slaves, a non-profit organization dedicated to the eradication of slavery. He earned his undergraduate degree at the State University of New York at Geneseo. He later earned a master's degree in social work from the State University of New York at Buffalo, and graduated magna cum laude from New York Law School.

Before he became an attorney, Boneberg worked as a gang worker and as a senior legislative assistant to the Buffalo (NY) Common Council.

David Harvey, Cumming, GA

Harvey was the recipient of the 2008 CdLS Foundation Mark Etcheberry Award, which recognizes individuals who contribute efforts and talent to increase awareness of CdLS and the Foundation. He is the father of Katherine, age 9.

Harvey graduated from Iowa State University, and earned his graduate degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He is a former U.S Air Force pilot and instructor and has been a pilot for American Airlines since 1992.

Marc Needlman, Lincolnshire, IL

An avid runner, Needlman has completed 44 marathons. He has been a member of Team CdLS—the Foundation’s running team—since 2008 and is the team’s virtual trainer. His daughter, Mikayla, is four.

Needlman earned his undergraduate degree from Drake University in Des Moines, IA, and his M.B.A at Loyola University in Chicago. He is the executive director of Chicago law firm Krasnow Saunders and Cornblath.

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 a 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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