



CdLS Foundation

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

Reaching Out, Providing Help, Giving Hope

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Team CdLS heads to Chicago, October 10

(July 23, 2010)—Team CdLS runs the Chicago Marathon, October 10, to honor and support children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS).

Among this year's 20 members are parents, siblings, aunts and friends of children with CdLS.

Runners include people from all over the country, with a range of running experience.

Team ambassador is Tanaya Mulzan of Sudbury, MA, daughter of Team CdLS runner Ava Frank. Frank's teammates include Lynn Alldridge of Boulder Creek, CA; Tammy Baird of Henderson, KY; Melissa Bernhardt of Antioch, IL; Genia Blackwell of Arlington, VA; Laura Cilek of Tallahassee, FL; Faith Fetzer of Jacksonville, FL; David B. Fowler of Falmouth, MA; Fernanda Jacobs of Avon, CT; and Jill Kaufman of Plantation, FL.

Also, Anne Kerr of Little Silver, NJ; Frank Mairano of Collinsville, CT; Amanda Meng Savage of Mobile, AL; Marc Needlman of Lincolnshire, IL; Jessica Patenaude of Saratoga Springs, NY; Lisa Pritchard of Avon, CT; Norden B. Savage of Mobile, AL; Chad Schmitz of St. Charles, MO; Beth Smisloff of Ballston Spa, NY; and Tracey Viola of Berne, NY.

In 2009 Team CdLS—Chicago raised \$ 72,352, and they hope to match that this year. All money raised by Team CdLS goes to the CdLS Foundation in support of its program and services for individuals with CdLS and their families.

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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