



# CdLS Foundation

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

*Reaching Out, Providing Help, Giving Hope*

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## ***Team CdLS heads to New Mexico, October 17***

(July 20, 2010)—Team CdLS runs the Duke City Marathon, October 17, to honor and support children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS).

This year's 21 members include people from New Mexico and nearby with a range of running experience. They will come together in Albuquerque to raise money for children with CdLS.

Team Ambassador is Savannah Fernandez of Albuquerque, daughter of Team CdLS runner Dee Fernandez.

Fernandez's teammates include Alisha Baca of Albuquerque; Bernard Trujillo of Los Alamos; Brent Derrer of White Rock; Eric Chavez of White Rock; Gyna Fernandez-Montoya of Albuquerque; Heather Jones of Wichita Falls, TX; and Jason Martines of Los Alamos.

Also, Joey Lopez of Santa Fe; Leonard Torrez of Alcalde; Matt Martinez of Santa Fe; Mr. and Mrs. John Romero of Santa Fe; Richard Pries of Corrales; Rick Chavez of Chimayo; Sys Hansana of Albuquerque; Thomas Martinez of Los Alamos; Leroy Archuleta of Rio Rancho; Jeramy Evenhus of Los Alamos; John Fresquese of Rio Rancho; and Tyree Boyd of Albuquerque.

The Marathon begins at 6:30 a.m. with opening ceremonies. There will be a Big 5 5K run, 5K walk, half marathon run and half marathon walk all beginning before 8:00 a.m. There is a post-race festival from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and an awards ceremony on the main stage of Civic Plaza.

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](http://www.cdlsusa.org).

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