



CdLS Foundation

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

Reaching Out, Providing Help, Giving Hope

Foundation announces new staff, promotions

AVON, CT February 9, 2010—The Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, a national nonprofit based in Avon, announces several new hires and promotions:

Kelly Brown was promoted to Finance Manager. She has been the part-time bookkeeper for the organization since 2008. In her new position, she will manage all of the Foundation's finances, as well as human resources. Brown is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University.

Nanette Char was hired as Conference Project Manager. In this temporary position, Char will manage all aspects of the organization's national family conference in Dallas, TX, this summer. Char is the owner of Char Consulting LLC and a graduate of Boston University and Columbia University

Marie Concklin Malloy was promoted to Assistant Executive Director. Malloy joined the organization in 2006 as the Director of External Affairs. In her new position, she oversees the organization's programs and public affairs. Malloy is a graduate of the State University of New York at Oswego.

Alexi Dalene was named Communications Coordinator. Dalene plays a key role in developing collateral for print and web. Additionally, she is charged with overseeing the quarterly newsletter, *Reaching Out*, which has been published continuously since 1977. She is a graduate of Central Connecticut State University.

Deirdre Summa, M.S.W., was named Family Service Manager. Summa has been a Family Service Coordinator at the Foundation since 2006. In her new position, she oversees direct services provided to families. Summa is a graduate of Westfield State College and Springfield College.

CdLS is a little-known genetic disorder that occurs in about 1 in 10,000 births. An estimated 20,000 children in the US have CdLS but are not diagnosed. 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