



CdLS Foundation

Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation, Inc.

Reaching Out, Providing Help, Giving Hope



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Families across the country “tag the day” for CdLS

NATIONAL – (May 13, 2009)—Benefit yard sales takes place throughout the country Saturday, June 6, as part of the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) Foundation’s first annual *Yard Sale Across America*, a nationwide event benefiting children with CdLS.

“This event is a great opportunity for families to do some spring cleaning while educating their communities about CdLS and raising money for a good cause,” says Liana Fresher, executive director of the CdLS Foundation. “Our goal to have at least one yard sale in every state.”

While many yard sales are taking place on June 6, they can be scheduled for any time in June. For information on the program and a free yard sale kit, contact Gail Speers at 800-753-2357 or events@CdLSusa.org.

What is 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 malrotation, 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.