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Team CdLS names Baltimore Running Festival ambassador

Hanover, PA (June 7, 2011) – Stephanie Vojtecky of Hanover has been named the 2011 Team CdLS Ambassador for the Baltimore Running Festival in Baltimore, MD. Team CdLS raises money to benefit the CdLS Foundation, a national support organization dedicated to serving families of children affected by CdLS.

The syndrome has not stopped her from living a happy life. She takes dancing lessons and loves listening to music, watching movies, and exploring the Internet. Stephanie participates in Special Olympics bowling, swimming and golf. She has even been recognized as the most improved player of her bowling team. Stephanie graduated from high school in June. Stephanie, her family and Team CdLS members will make their debut at the Baltimore Running Festival on Saturday, October 15. Stephanie's father, Mark, will be running the half marathon. He says he is excited to run his first race after a leg injury three years ago. Running in this race is a way to continue to raise awareness for CdLS. It doesn't matter if I win, just crossing the finish line will be a huge accomplishment," says Vojtecky. "It means a lot to be involved in such a great activity. I have been a volunteer and used to be on the Foundation's board of directors. Being on Team CdLS is a way to keep giving back and stay part of the CdLS family," Vojtecky says

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 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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