hike for a cure

half dome · yosemite · ca

9th Annual

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2009

SPONSORSHIP FORM

A challenging hike to the top of Half Dome, Yosemite, CA

The goal: to raise $300,000 towards a cure for histiocytosis

FIGHTING HISTIOCYTOSIS ONE STEP AT A TIME!

www.hikeforacure.com

PLEASE JOIN US...

Every one of the past eight Hike For A Cure weekends has been exhilarating, fun and deeply rewarding as we have worked together towards the goal of finding a cure for histiocytosis.

In 1998 our son Anton was born with Langerhans cell histiocytosis (LCH). Histiocytosis is an "orphan disease". Through family fundraising efforts like Hike For A Cure the Histiocytosis Association of America (HAA) is able to sponsor important research into treatment and a cure for histiocytosis.

After Anton's disease had gone into remission a small and enthusiastic group of our family and friends joined together and created the first Hike For A Cure. We raised $12,000 that year and were awed by the support and encouragement from our community. Many other families affected by the disease have joined us since. To date we have raised $925,000. Our goal for 2009 is to raise $300,000, crossing the $1M mark and accelerating the search for a cure.

Visit our website at www.hikeforacure.com for more information on the hike and pictures from previous years. Thank you for your support of the families affected by this disease.

Lori Colleen

2008 Honorees at Saturday night kickoff

2009 FUNDING GOAL

In previous years money raised at Hike For A Cure has been used to directly fund research into better treatments for histiocytosis. Treatments that show promise must be statistically proven to be effective by studying the results over a large set of patients. The more patients registered and tracked in a study the more quickly the effectiveness of the treatment can be determined and rolled out world-wide.

Each study moves us ever closer to a cure. However, it is expensive for a hospital to register patients on studies. In the U.S., due to limited funding only a small number of patients are currently being registered for histiocytosis treatment studies. If we can increase the number of patients registered in these studies we will accelerate the search for a cure.

For 2009, all funds raised by Hike For A Cure will go to underwriting the cost of registering patients on the new LCH IV study. Every $1000 raised covers 1 patient enrolling in this study and brings us one step closer to a cure.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Thank you for being a part of this special event by sponsoring a Hike for a Cure 2009 participant. Your donation directly supports research into improved treatments for children and adults affected by histiocytosis.

In recognition of your participation in this community event, donors contributing $100 or more will receive a prized 2009 quick-dry Hike For A Cure t-shirt. And we are happy to recognize donors contributing over $500 with a eco-friendly canvas bag as well.

Thanks for making a difference!

NAME OF HIKER YOU ARE SPONSORING _____ IN HONOR/MEMORY OF _____

DONATE ONLINE

For the fastest and easiest way to sponsor go to:

www.hikeforacure.com

- Click on "Become a Sponsor" on the left menu
- Click the link for "Sponsor a Hiker"
- You'll jump to a new window. Click "Sponsor Hiker"
- Enter in your hiker's first or last name
- Select them from the list and ... become a sponsor!

DONATE "LIVE"

Sponsor your hiker directly. Enter the data below and give this form with your donation directly to your favorite hiker. They'll get it quickly to the HAA.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

☐ CASH $ _____

☐ PERSONAL CHECK OR MONEY ORDER

Make check payable to the **HAA** • *Include hiker's name on check* •

☐ CREDIT CARD **Circle One:** VISA / MASTER CARD / AMERICAN EXPRESS

ACCOUNT NO. _____

AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE _____ EXP. DATE _____

ALL GIFTS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE UNDER INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE CODE 501(c)(3)

WITH MY GIFT I AM ELIGIBLE FOR A:

☐ T-SHIRT *($100 or more)* CIRCLE ONE: YOUTH: S M L ADULT: S M L XL

☐ CANVAS BAG *($500 or more)*

☐ I WOULD LIKE TO DONATE MY T-SHIRT/BAG BACK TO THE CAUSE!