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Raising awareness. Finding a cure.™

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Dear Friends,

In the summer of 2005, our (3-year old) son Zachary was diagnosed with a rare, life-threatening genetic disease known as Hunter Syndrome (MPS II) for which there is no cure. We are looking for your help in changing that. We founded Making Precious Strides, Inc. to create awareness and raise money to help find a cure for Hunter Syndrome.

Hunter Syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis II or MPS II) is an inherited disorder in which an enzyme, iduronate-2-sulfatase (I2S), is deficient. I2S is involved in the breakdown of complex carbohydrates called mucopolysaccharides. Without sufficient I2S in the body, partially broken-down mucopolysaccharides accumulate in various organs and tissues of the body leading to potentially life-threatening complications. This is a permanent medical condition.

Please help us find a cure for this devastating disease. Until recently, there was relatively little research into this rare condition. Progress will continue to be slow unless we gain the support of individuals like you who recognize the precious gift of promise and hope that lives within each child with Hunter Syndrome. We are seeking charitable donations as well as sponsors and volunteers for Zach's Run, an annual 5K race and 1-mile family fun walk occurring during autumn on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. You can help by donating your time and/or money in any amount-large or small, your contribution matters. All donations and sponsor monies will be directed toward national research initiatives and local educational awareness programs.

Sincerely,

Chris & Cheryl Dearth
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