

Diagnosed with Hunter Syndrome in the summer of 2005, Zachary Dearth had the support of his family and friends. In May 2006, they incorporated Making Precious Strides in the state of New Jersey as a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness of Hunter Syndrome and contributing to national research initiatives for finding a cure.

Hunter Syndrome is a life-threatening genetic disease affecting the body's ability to break down mucopolysaccharides in the body's joints and soft tissue. This leads to life-long complications. While at present there is no cure, many research initiatives are in progress. Last summer, Making Precious Strides sponsored Zack's Run to aid all those with the disease. This Friday evening the organization will sponsor a benefit concert featuring the Pearl Jam tribute band Ten at the Ducktown Tavern to help in the

fight against this dreaded illness. Every dollar paid for admission (\$20) will be donated to Making Precious Strides, Inc.

"The idea for this event came from local attorney William Reynolds, one of our advisory board members," says Jenna Dearth, Zach's aunt and Making Precious Strides public relation chairperson. "He saw the band Ten perform and really liked them. He asked them to perform at this benefit." Dearth adds that Zach is receiving weekly treatments and doing well.

— **Steve Angelucci**



The Pearl Jam tribute band Ten performs at the Friday night show.

Ten performs on Friday, May 11, at the Ducktown Tavern, Georgia and Atlantic avenues, Atlantic City at 10pm. Doors open at 8pm. Admission is \$20 and includes a free buffet and drink specials. Visit www.makingpreciousstrides.org.