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ZachFest 2012 to raise funds for Hunter Syndrome cure and feature live music by Seven Stone

Making Precious Strides, Inc. (MPS, Inc.) will hold ZachFest 2012, a family-centered event, to raise funds for a cure for Hunter Syndrome. The all ages affair will be held Sunday, July 22, rain or shine, at The Log Cabin, Jerome Avenue, Margate, New Jersey from 4 to 8 p.m. and feature live music by Seven Stone. Enjoy a breathtaking sunset on the Margate Bay as well as a barbecue, drinks, auction and door prizes and a Kidz Zone. Radio sponsor SoJO 104.9fm will be on-site.

Proceeds from the event will go to North Carolina Children's Hospital at the University of North Carolina, a medical research center for Hunter Syndrome. Organizers will present a check in the amount of \$15,000 to the Children's Hospital during the event. Since its inception, the organization has raised over \$100,000 toward medical research.

Hunter Syndrome or Mucopolysaccharidosis Type II- MPS II is a life-threatening, genetic disease that affects the body's ability to break down cell waste, which interferes with the functions of cells and soft tissue organs leading to serious complications. There is no cure for the disease.

The race's namesake Zachary Dearth was diagnosed with Hunter Syndrome in July 2005 at the age of three. Originally from Egg Harbor Township, Zachary and his family moved to Fredonia, New York in 2008. Local friends and family members in South Jersey continue to hold the annual event and serve on the Making Precious Strides, Inc. board.

Tickets are \$20 for adults in advance and \$25 at the door. Children 4-12 are \$10. Children 3 and under are free.

To purchase tickets, call 609-513-5314.

For more information, visit www.makingpreciousstrides.org.

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