



## **CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Inc.**

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## **14th International Conference**

**August 2-5, 2019, Dallas, Texas**

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Inc. will be hosting its 14th International Conference in Dallas, Texas, August 2-5, 2019. This is the largest gathering in the world of individuals with CHARGE syndrome and their families. During the conference, we will be having our 11th Silent Auction and Basket Raffle. We hope you will participate in this fun event by donating items for the auction.

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation 501(c)3 charitable organization run by parent volunteers (Tax Identification Number 43-1642150). The silent auction is a major fundraiser for the Foundation. Proceeds from the auction help offset the costs of the conference so that we can make this life-changing event accessible for many families. No donation is too large or too small.

CHARGE syndrome is a recognizable (genetic) pattern of birth defects, which occurs in about one in every 9,000 to 10,000 births worldwide. It is an extremely complex syndrome, involving extensive medical and physical difficulties that differ from child to child. The vast majority of the time, there is no history of CHARGE syndrome or any other similar conditions in the family. Babies with CHARGE syndrome are often born with life-threatening birth defects, including complex heart defects and breathing problems. They spend many months in the hospital and undergo many surgeries and other treatments. Swallowing and breathing problems make life difficult even when they come home. Most have hearing loss, vision loss and balance problems that delay their development and communication. All are likely to require medical and educational intervention for many years. Despite these seemingly insurmountable obstacles, children with CHARGE syndrome often far surpass their medical, physical, educational, and social expectations.

We very much hope that you will be part of this event. Thank you in advance for helping to make our 11th Silent Auction a huge success.

Should you have any questions, please contact us at (800) 442-7604, contact me directly at 708-846-3313 or email me at [deanna@chargesyndrome.org](mailto:deanna@chargesyndrome.org).

Very truly yours,

*Deanna Steinhauser*

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