CHARGE Accounts

The latest news, events, and announcements from The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation

Upcoming Events

04/12/2022
Autism or CHARGE
Identifying effective educational
and behavioral interventions

4/21/2022 Ask the Expert Facebook Live with Dr. Brittany Simpson, Clinical Geneticist

4/26/2022 Western Region Parent Support Meeting

4/30/2022 Early Connections Conference: Empowered!

5/14/2022 3rd Annual Walk and Roll for CHARGE

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3rd Annual Walk and Roll for CHARGE

Whether you want to walk/run a 5K, take a stroll, or even hop on a bike, the goal is to be active while raising money and awareness for the Foundation. Join together in person or virtually with family or friends in your CHARGE community.

No matter how the walk looks for you, our goal will always remain the same: A Better World for People with CHARGE syndrome.

There are three different ways to register: as an individual or family, by joining an existing team, or by creating a team of your own.

If you are unable to attend the event, you can still make a difference by **donating to the cause**.

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Walk and Roll For CHARGE (cont.)

How would you like to register?







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Create a team

Register as an Individual or Sign Up as a Family

Click the Register for Free button on our campaign homepage and choose "As an individual". You can register yourself or create one registration for your entire family.

Join an Existing Team!

Click the Register for Free button on our campaign homepage and choose "Join a team", then select from the list of existing teams to join and follow the steps to register!

Create a Team!

Start your own team, register yourself or your family, and get other people to join your team. Click the Register for Free button on our campaign homepage and choose "Create a team" to get started!

Visit https://www.classy.org/event/walkandroll4charge-2022/e393670 to register today.

Order Your Official #WalkandRoll4CHARGE T-Shirt!

Available in Adult and Youth sizes. Orders must be received by April 22, 2022* in order to be received in time to wear while you are running, walking, or rolling.

*Delivery not guaranteed by event date when ordering outside of the US.



Order Now: https://www.customink.com/fundraising/2022walkandroll4CHARGE

Support our Spring Bulb Fundraiser - Only THREE Days Left to Order!

Help the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation continue to GROW our programs and other initiatives by supporting our Spring Bulb Fundraiser.

We are partnering with Three Rivers Wreath & Plant Company to offer a unique variety of bulbs, bare roots, and tubers.



Our group earns up to 50% profit from every package of bulbs sold! Simply purchase items online from our fundraiser landing page, and your order will be shipped directly to you in early May—just in time for spring planting.

Orders can be placed now through April 4, 2022 and will begin shipping in early May (U.S. only): https://threeriversfundraising.com/fundraiser/charge-sp22

Please share with friends, family, and on social media!

Ask the Expert with Dr. Brittany Simpson, MD

Join us on Facebook Live at 7:00 PM EDT, April 21 for Ask the Expert with Dr. Brittany Simpson, MD, Assistant Professor, Clinical Geneticist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

Post your questions to <u>our Facebook page</u> beforehand, ask them live during the event or simply tune in to learn more about genetics in people with CHARGE syndrome.



Ethan Wolfe Recreational Assistance Program

Believe it or not, summer is just around the corner! As you start to plan your summer recreational activities, look to the Ethan Wolfe Recreational Assistance Program (EWRAP) for help!



Over the past 7 years, the Ethan Wolfe

Recreational Assistance Program (EWRAP) has helped many individuals with CHARGE ride bikes, trikes, and horses; swim, play music, and go to camp. This year, we want to give even more people the chance to play!

Thanks to ongoing support from the Wolfe family and friends, even more individuals with CHARGE will have the opportunity to purchase appropriate recreational equipment or participate in recreational activities. Every EWRAP award honors Ethan's memory.

Please <u>CLICK HERE</u> for details about what the program covers, who is eligible, and the application. Online applications require a Google account. Awards are made on a rolling basis. Please send any questions regarding the program to <u>EWRAP@chargesyndrome.org</u>.

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Give Your Spring Shopping a Purpose with Amazon Smile!

Whether it's Spring cleaning supplies, gardening tools, outdoor toys, or a new Spring wardrobe, when shopping with Amazon Smile, you can support The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation at no extra cost to you!

When you shop at smile.amazon.com, or in the Amazon app with AmazonSmile turned on within Settings, you'll find the same products and same low prices as the Amazon you already know - plus, they donate a portion of your purchases to your chosen charity.



For more information on how to use Amazon Smile, <u>click here</u>.

You can select us as your AmazonSmile charity by <u>clicking here</u>.

Fundraiser Spotlight: CHARGE Through the Year

Anna Miller's daughter Andi was born in 2010 with CHARGE syndrome. Four years later, Anna published the first CHARGE Through The Year wall calendar. At the time, one of her



responsibilities at her job at a publisher sales representative firm was helping get licensed calendars into wholesale clubs and on Amazon.com. That led to the idea to create a CHARGE calendar. "The lightbulb went on and I was able to utilize a lot of skills I've acquired over the years: page design, marketing, website design, order fulfillment, and so on," Anna said.

That first calendar in 2014 featured 12 adorable children with CHARGE syndrome, chosen from participants in the CHARGE syndrome Facebook group. "In 2015, I opened up the calendar submissions to the ever-growing CHARGE Facebook community," Anna said. "I found that families and extended families were gung-ho to purchase a calendar featuring their superstar, and the superstars from their CHARGE community. I think the most participants we've had was around 84 people with CHARGE syndrome featured in one calendar." She said that choosing the cover image is her favorite aspect of creating the calendar.

The calendar fundraiser is a wonderful way to "celebrate both our CHARGE friends and our CHARGE angels as well," Anna noted. "We've all been through so much; let us savor and embrace it as a united community."

Anna's advice to others considering a similar fundraiser is to start by thinking through all the components, such as how you will produce, promote, collect orders for, and ship the item, and the related costs. But for Anna, the CHARGE Through the Year calendar is not just a fundraiser; she also sees it as a service to the community. "Oftentimes (especially in the beginning), it can feel like you're standing on an iceberg that is starting to sink. So anything we can do to rally, support, and appreciate one another is definitely worth it," she said.