

*Through knowledge, strength.
From research, hope.*



"We look normal on the outside, but if only people could see what's going on inside us... it's a war zone"



"You are never prepared for someone to tell you that you need to take your daughter to a neurosurgeon."



"With every growth spurt he goes through, his symptoms become more evident and he has never fully recovered his ability to eat and drink certain foods without problems."

Chiari Malformation is a serious neurological disorder where the cerebellum descends out of the skull and crowds the spinal cord.

Did you know that:

- ❖ 300,000, or 1 in 1000, Americans suffer from Chiari?
- ❖ Chiari can only be diagnosed through a combination of neurological exams including an MRI?
- ❖ invasive surgery can only alleviate or stop the progression of symptoms?
- ❖ *you have the power to change this?*

The 3rd Annual Gala to Benefit Pediatric Chiari will be held on October 15, 2010 at the historic *Arts Club of Washington*. The generous support of Sponsors, like you, has allowed Conquer Pediatric Chiari to raise \$125,000, which has been used to fund three very important research projects focused on pediatric Chiari.

90% of all money raised at the Gala goes directly to Chiari research!

Conquering Pediatric Chiari

has never been so easy...

the Big Easy!

This year's gala will feature New Orleans eats, treats, and beats.

Sponsorship Levels

- ❖ Conquerors - \$10,000 and above, Prominent program placement & gala recognition, full page ad in program, 10 tickets
- ❖ Victors - \$5000, Prominent program placement & gala recognition, half page ad in program, 6 tickets
- ❖ Heroes - \$2,500, Program recognition, 1/4 page ad in program, 4 tickets
- ❖ Protectors - \$1000, Program recognition, 2 tickets

Ready to Conquer Pediatric Chiari? Contact Wendy Boehm at 703-855-2963 or wamboehm1@aol.com

Sponsorships Leads to Results!

The money raised at the first two Conquer Pediatric Chiari Galas has been used to fund three very important research projects:

- ❖ A \$50,000 research grant to the University of Michigan to study the effect of neck position on tonsillar crowding and CSF flow in children with Chiari. While many people believe that neck flexion negatively impacts Chiari, this study will determine whether this is true and provide quantitative data, which may be valuable in evaluating patients with mild or sporadic symptoms.
- ❖ A \$54,000 grant at Duke University to perform genetic analysis on pediatric Chiari patients undergoing surgery, in order to identify clinical sub-groups. The Conquer Chiari Research Conference in 2008 highlighted the identification of specific sub-groups of Chiari patients as critical to improving treatments and outcomes, especially in children.
- ❖ A \$75,000 grant at the University of Chicago, to address one of the most pressing questions Chiari patients have: Does Chiari affect thinking, memory, and concentration? If a cognitive profile associated with Chiari is identified, it can then be used to develop therapeutic interventions to lessen the cognitive impact of Chiari and improve outcomes.

Just imagine what your support will do to Conquer Pediatric Chiari!

I Am...

*I am a 12-year-old boy from Virginia
I wonder what my future will be like
I hear doctors talking about me
I see a new day coming
I want a cure for Chiari*

*I pretend that I am not sick
I feel that tomorrow will be a better day
I touch the chess pieces of my life
I worry about my future
I cry for the other children who have
Chiari
I am a 12-year-old boy from Virginia*

*I understand the problems in our world
I say I will be a doctor one day
I dream about a world without Chiari
I try to raise awareness for a cure
I hope that one day Chiari will be no more
I am a 12-year-old boy from Virginia*

Cass, Alexandria, VA



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