

## Team Laura Beth Surpasses Fundraiser Goal at MDA Walk of Hope

November 16, 2008 – Atlanta, GA – Supporters of Laura Beth Jacquin raised \$12,883 in donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association at the 2008 MDA Walk of Hope held at ZOO ATLANTA on October 4<sup>th</sup>. The annual event raised over \$150,000, a record amount. Most of the donations to TEAM LAURA BETH were designated for "Seek-A-Miracle", a non-profit organization associated with the MDA that provides 100% of its funds to support research to cure Friedreich's Ataxia, one of over 40 illnesses that the MDA supports.



Some of the Team Laura Beth members at the 2008 MDA Walk of Hope at Zoo Atlanta

Laura Beth is a senior at Berry College in Rome, GA. She was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia, a progressive, neuromuscular illness ten years ago. TEAM LAURA BETH members were among the most numerous at the event with over 50 participants, and raised the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest total in donations. During seven years of support of MDA walks TEAM LAURA BETH has raised over \$80,000 to support research grants through Seek a Miracle.

"The 2008 event surpassed last year's donation total! I would like to thank everybody that came out to the zoo and all those who donated to the Walk of Hope fundraiser," stated Laura Beth. "The dedication of the team captains, both veteran and new, is especially appreciated. The key fundraisers from Longmeadow were Hal & Lori Haberman and Dan & Jeanie Kolb; from Hanover Park, alumnus Cindy Scioscia; from Georgia, Karli Barnett (National American Miss Georgia Teen) and Maria Sotnikova of GA Tech; from Cytec Industries – where 14 different locations donated – Robertino Chinellato, Benoit de Becker, and Cheri Rose lead the effort, and my Grandparents and especially my parents. The donations will be used to fund research to find a cure for muscular dystrophy".

Love, **Laura Beth**

Team Laura Beth Members - 2008 MDA Walk of Hope at Zoo Atlanta



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