

Another Successful MDA Fundraiser for Team Laura Beth

November 20, 2009 – Atlanta, GA – Supporters of Laura Beth Jacquin raised approximately \$12,000 in donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association at the 2009 MDA Walk of Hope held at ZOO ATLANTA on November 7th. The annual event collected over \$175,000, a record amount. As donations continue to come in, we do not expect to have a final team total until next month. Laura Beth and her family have amassed over \$94,000 in donations since first participating in these events in 2002 when Laura Beth was in high school. Most of the contributions 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 2009 MDA Walk of Hope at Zoo Atlanta

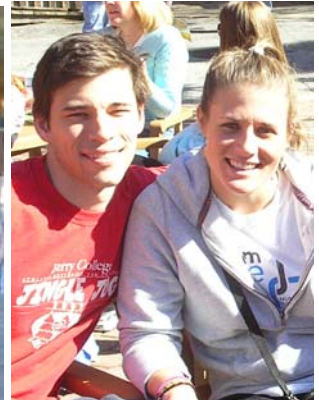
Laura Beth will be graduating in December from Berry College in Rome, GA with an interdisciplinary degree for psychology, education, family studies and art. She was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia, a progressive, neuromuscular illness eleven years ago. TEAM LAURA BETH members were the most numerous at the event with over 70 participants and raised the 3rd largest total in donations. Laura Beth was awarded a plaque for the largest attending team.

“We had a beautiful day Saturday at the Atlanta Zoo for the MDA “Walk of Hope”, stated Laura Beth. “I loved seeing so many friends and family enjoy the weather, the animals, and the event. The 2009 fundraiser nearly reached last year’s donation level; a remarkable feat given the economic conditions this year. I would like to thank everybody who supported the MDA”.

“The team leaders did a fantastic job”, noted Laura Beth. The key fundraisers from Longmeadow, MA, were Dan & Jeanie Kolb and Hal & Lori Haberman; from Hanover Park HS (NJ), alumnus Cindy Scioscia; from Georgia: Jordon Woods (UGA grad) and his family, Leigh Castleberry (Berry College grad), Karli Barnett (Senior at Mt. Pisgah HS & National American Miss Georgia Teen) and Cobb County Firefighter Bill Lang. From Cytec Industries – who were most numerous in attendance at the event and where participants from many different locations around the world donated, Robertino Chinellato, and Cheri Rose led the effort. I would also like to thank my Uncle Michael and Aunt Sally, who organized a dress-down-day at Cromwell High School, my Grandmother and especially my parents. The donations will be used to fund research to find a cure for muscular dystrophy”.

Love, **Laura Beth**

Muscular Dystrophy Association 2009 "Walk of Hope"



Friends and family enjoying the 2009 MDA Walk of Hope at Zoo Atlanta