

## Registration Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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	Pre-Register by 5/10/03	Register Day of Walk
Adult (18 & over)	\$15	\$20
Child (17 & under)	\$10	\$15

Donations and pledges due day of walk, but can be sent with pre-registration. Sponsors can pay for your registration fee. FARA accepts funds from corporate matching programs (check with your employer). Our Federal Tax ID Number is 52-2122720.

I am unable to attend the walk but please accept my donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

The first 500 registered walkers will receive a T-shirt on the day of the walk.

T-Shirt Sizes (check one):

- Child Large       Adult Medium  
 Adult Large       Adult X-Large

To pre-register, mail this form (or a photocopy) and check(s) payable to:

**FARA**  
 3550 East Marywood Drive  
 Orange, CA 92867

### WAIVER: (MUST BE SIGNED)

In consideration of being allowed to participate in the FARA Walk for Hope and a Cure, I hereby personally assume all risks in connection with the Walk for any harm, injury, or damage that may befall me while I am a participant in the Walk including all risks connected therewith, whether foreseen or unforeseen. I understand and agree that neither the Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance, their agents nor any participating business, nor the municipalities through which the Walk may take place, and their directors, officers, agents, representatives, employees, predecessors, successors, and assigns (collectively "Related Parties") may be held liable or responsible in any way for an injury, death, or other damages to me or my family, heirs, or assigns that may occur as a result of the negligence of any party, including the Released Parties, whether passive or active. I HAVE FULLY INFORMED MYSELF OF THE CONTENTS OF THIS LIABILITY RELEASE AND EXPRESS ASSUMPTION OF RISK BY READING IT BEFORE I SIGNED IT ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY HEIRS.

Walker's signature \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian's signature \_\_\_\_\_  
 (if participant is under 18)

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### Chelsea's Story 2003

The War on Friedrich's Ataxia



This community declared war on a little known disease called Friedrich's Ataxia (FA) in 1998 when a sweet 4-year-old girl named Chelsea Lane was diagnosed. Early on, the case for war became very clear. The facts were irrefutable. FA was (and still is) a terrible and vicious disease that attacks without warning. It strikes children and young adults and leaves them to suffer and struggle with many ailments including the agony of a twisted spine, loss of muscle control and heart disease. Its psychological toll—losing the ability to care for oneself and leading a life filled with pills, medical tests, painful therapy sessions and appointment after endless appointment—is overwhelming. This very thing has happened to Chelsea.

Chelsea's family and friends were forced to standby and watch in horror. But how could we? The time had come to act. Unfortunately, very few physicians had sufficient knowledge, much less expertise regarding this rare disorder. There was, and is, no known treatment or cure. Furthermore, the main research was being conducted in other countries. Some scientists in the United States were interested in our cause, but scientific research takes time and money and lots of both.

The task to raise money to fund the necessary research to find a treatment—any treatment and one day a cure—fell upon the public. People like Steve and Sandy Lane, Chelsea's parents, and Ron and Raychel Bartek, parents of Keith also afflicted with FA, took up the cause. For these parents, it was unacceptable that the only weapons their children had to use against this monster were a back brace, a pair of crutches or a wheelchair.

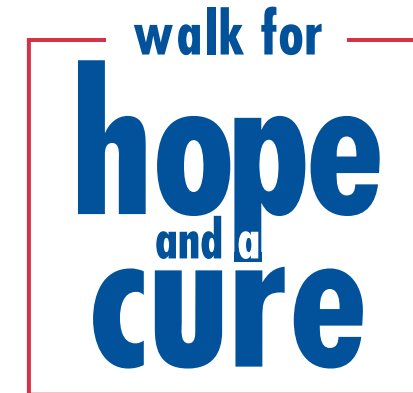
Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) was formed in 1998 by Ron Bartek. He started and continues to run FARA as a volunteer because more research for FA needs to be done in our own great country and abroad. FA is an "orphan disease". As with most orphans, no one claims it and it is usually left ignored. In the United States, FA affects only one in 50,000 people, which means it does not affect enough of the population to catch the public's attention. Although the task at hand is monumental, FARA was created because there is hope as every great journey begins with a first step. Progress towards elimination of FA can and is being made.

To date, FARA has raised almost \$350,000 from our small community in Orange County, California, and \$784,000 nationwide. FARA distributes 100% of its donations to worthy researchers and institutions around the world, conducting studies involved in the scientific search for the treatment and the cure of FA. Chelsea entered the first US study in August 2002 at the National Institutes of Health. FARA recently sponsored a second conference on FA, bringing together scientists from all over the world to share ideas and promising research. Researchers are attacking this disease from all sides, instilling a tangible excitement in all who attended and filling all with the hope that treatments and a cure are close at hand.

For now, the battle continues. We hope you will agree the case to continue our mission is worthy. We must destroy this most horrific disease that cripples and cuts short the lives of our country's most precious resource—our children. Unfortunately, this war cannot be won with any of the powers of our armed forces. Our ammunition is money and raising public awareness of our plight. We can arm the scientists with funds so they can do what they do best—piece together, study by study, the puzzle of FA so that someday there will be a viable defense against it.

On May 17, 2003, the Fourth Annual R.J. Noble Company/FARA Walk for Hope and a Cure will take place. Please join our fight. More foot soldiers are needed to hunker down and secure the battlefield. We have to keep strong and never lose hope. Chelsea and all those with FA are counting on us. **Thank you.**

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4th Annual  
 5K Walk

May 17, 2003

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