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Annual Team Klara Run



March 27, 2017 - The Team Klara Run, an annual event to raise money for the RYR-1 Foundation, will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2017, and Sunday, April 30, 2017 on the boardwalk in Wildwood, NJ during the Wild Half Marathon. There will be a 1K, 5K, 8K, and a half marathon over the course of the weekend. All proceeds raised by Team Klara will benefit the RYR-1 Foundation in honor of Klara Pedersen. To donate to the cause please visit:

<https://www.crowdrise.com/ryr1-foundation>

Emily Pedersen, the organizer of Team Klara, is mother to 7 year-old Klara Pedersen, who is affected by RYR-1 myopathy. This year, Team Klara will be joined by family and friends of Jamie Vandemoere. Jamie's son, Teddy, is also affected by RYR-1 myopathy. Although rare, RYR-1 myopathy is the most common form of congenital muscle weakness. Due to her weakness, Klara is unable to walk independently and relies upon a wheelchair.

"This year for Christmas, Klara asked Santa for magic, so she could walk. Santa, unfortunately, can't deliver that gift on Christmas morning because Klara's magic has to come in the form of a treatment or cure," said Emily Pedersen "Team Klara' is made up of a group of amazing friends and family who are running for Klara or her friends with her same muscle disorder. We are all running to raise money and awareness and hopefully one day...magic."

Last year, Team Klara raised \$18,914.50, with 100% of the proceeds going to the RYR-1 Foundation. Mrs. Pedersen, a trustee of the RYR-1 Foundation, plans to contribute all proceeds once again this year to the RYR-1 Foundation. "As the only organization in the world that exists exclusively to support RYR-1 research, I am hopeful that the money we raise will eventually lead to treatments that will give Klara, and others like her, the ability to walk."

"The slogan of the RYR-1 Foundation is 'Strength in Numbers,' and Emily is the personification of that approach," said Michael F. Goldberg, MD, MPH, President of the RYR-1 Foundation. "Through her tireless efforts, Emily has rallied her community to raise money for research, provide support, and give hope."

About the RYR-1 Foundation

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania-based public charity was launched in October 2014 by members of the Goldberg family, who have been affected by RYR-1 muscle disease. It is currently the only organization that exists solely to advocate for and serve the needs of patients with RYR-1 myopathy, the most common cause of congenital myopathy. The mission of the RYR-1 Foundation is to support research leading to effective treatment or a cure for RYR-1 related diseases, to educate physicians about these diseases, and to provide patient/family support and advocacy. The RYR-1 Foundation is a public charity, designated as a 501(c)(3) by the IRS. To learn more about the RYR-1 Foundation, please go to: www.RYR1.org.