

Who we are

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ABOUT US

Making Precious Strides, Inc. was founded in 2006 as a nonprofit organization. The nonprofit incorporated in May 2006 and is located in Atlantic County, New Jersey. Making Precious Strides, Inc. is dedicated to supporting the national MPS (Mucopolysaccharidoses) foundation and, more importantly, Hunter Syndrome (MPS II). The group's primary goal is to raise funds for medical research as well as generate greater awareness of the disease. The group will host its key event, a 5K run with a 1-mile walk — Zach's Run, during the Fall along the Atlantic City Boardwalk. The 5K run/walk will be the group's core activity; however, other local events may be organized to raise funds and educate the community about this disease.



WAIVER

I know that running is a potentially hazardous activity. I should not enter and run unless I am physically fit, medically able and properly trained. I agree to abide by any decision of a race official relative to my ability to safely complete the run. I hereby certify I am in good health, and I have trained to run the distance of the race of which I am entering. I assume all risks associated to running in this event, all risks being known and appreciated by me. Having read this waiver and knowing these facts and in considering your accepting my entry into this running event, I, for myself and anyone entitled to act on my behalf waive and release Making Precious Strides, Athletes Korner Sports, their officials, directors, agents, employees and volunteers, all sponsors, their representatives and successors, from all claims or liabilities of any kind arising out of my participation in this event even though that liability may arise out of negligence or carelessness on the part of the persons or entities named in this waiver. I grant permission to all the foregoing to use my photographs, motion pictures, recordings, videos, or any other recording of this event for legitimate purposes. I understand that bicycles, skateboards, rollerskates or inline skates are not allowed in this event and I will abide by this rule.

Signature _____

Date _____

(Parent's signature required if participant is less than 18 years old.)

OUR SPONSORS

Thank you to the following sponsors who support us:



The Custard Hut

If you would like to become a sponsor or receive more information regarding sponsorship levels, email info@ZachsRun.org

For a current listing of all of the Zach's Run sponsors, go to www.ZachsRun.org



3121-D Fire Road #321
Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234

Register today!

Zach's Run

5K RUN & FUN WALK



Oscar McClinton Park
New Hampshire Avenue &
the Boardwalk
Atlantic City, NJ

September 30, 2006
9:00 AM Registration
10:00 AM Race

www.ZachsRun.org

Ask friends and family members to participate!

For more information call (856) 265-9417

Why we started

FOUNDERS' LETTER

Dear Friends,

In the summer of 2005, our (3-year old) son Zachary was diagnosed with a rare, life-threatening genetic disease known as Hunter Syndrome (MPS II) for which there is no cure. We are looking for your help in changing that. We founded Making Precious Strides, Inc. to create awareness and raise money to help find a cure for Hunter Syndrome.

Hunter Syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis II or MPS II) is an inherited disorder in which an enzyme, iduronate-2-sulfatase (I2S), is deficient. I2S is involved in the breakdown of complex carbohydrates called mucopolysaccharides. Without sufficient I2S in the body, partially broken-down mucopolysaccharides accumulate in various organs and tissues of the body leading to potentially life-threatening complications. This is a permanent medical condition.

Please help us find a cure for this devastating disease. Until recently, there was relatively little research into this rare condition. Progress will continue to be slow unless we gain the support of individuals like you who recognize the precious gift of promise and hope that lives within each child with Hunter Syndrome. We are seeking charitable donations as well as sponsors and volunteers for Zach's Run, an annual 5K race and 1-mile family fun walk occurring during autumn on the Atlantic City Boardwalk. You can help by donating your time and/or money in any amount-large or small, your contribution matters. All donations and sponsor monies will be directed toward national research initiatives and local educational awareness programs.

Sincerely,

Chris & Cheryl Dearth
Founders
Making Precious Strides, Inc.

What it is

EVENT DETAILS

The event will be held on Saturday, September 30, rain or shine, with registration beginning at 9:00 am at the Oscar McClinton Park in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

Athlete's Korner Sports Timing Systems of Hammonton, NJ will conduct the race timing for the event.

The event will consist of a 5K (3.1-mile) run and 1-mile fun walk open to all ages. The 5K race will feature several age group categories including men's and women's categories of 14-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, and 60+. Trophies and medals will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category as well as the overall youngest finisher of the race.

Participants may register online prior to the event via the Zach's Run Web site or by filling out and returning the form in this brochure. Registration fees are \$20 prior to the event and \$25 the day of the event. Children under 13 are free.



Zachary Dearth, Age 3
Diagnosed with Hunter Syndrome in July 2005

Why it matters

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Hunter Syndrome (Mucopolysaccharidosis II) is a life-threatening, genetic disease that affects the body's ability to break down mucopolysaccharides in joints and soft tissue leading to life-long complications. Although the disease is uncommon, consider these startling facts:

FAST FACTS:

- At least 1 out of 162,000 children worldwide are affected by Hunter Syndrome
- A child affected by Hunter Syndrome may live into their 60's if their diagnosis is mild or, if they have severe Hunters, they may only reach the age of 15. However, regardless of their severity, their life will be altered dramatically.
- MPS II occurs in boys, and girls may be carriers of the gene for MPS II. Although rare, MPS II has been diagnosed in girls.
- There is an estimate in the United States that 1 in 25,000 births will result in some form of MPS.

For more information on Hunter Syndrome or MPS Type II, visit:
www.HunterPatients.com

If you know someone with Hunter Syndrome or any form of MPS or would like to get involved as a volunteer in our organization, please contact (856) 265-9417 or send an email to Info@ZachsRun.org.

How you'll help

REGISTRATION (Please Print)

Mr. Mrs. Ms. Dr.

First _____

MI _____ Last _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

Email _____

(so we can send you information online)

Participation Level 5K Run 1-Mile Walk

Sex M F Age _____

T-shirt Size

S M L XL XXL

Registration Fee:

\$20 prior to the event / \$25 day of the event
Children under 13 are free

Please complete waiver on reverse side.

Make checks payable to:
Making Precious Strides, Inc

Mail registration form and payment to:
Zach's Run c/o Making Precious Strides, Inc
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