About FARA and Friedreich's Ataxia

What is FARA?

Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) is a national 501(c)(3), non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to accelerating the research leading to the treatment, cure and elimination of Friedreich's ataxia and related sporadic ataxias. This organization was formed by concerned parents dismayed by the fact that there were no funds earmarked or dedicated to the research of this rare genetic disorder.

What is Friedreich's Ataxia?

Friedreich's ataxia is a rare, genetic, neurodegenerative, multi-system, life-shortening disorder with no known treatment or cure. In the United States, approximately one in 50,000 people have Friedreich's ataxia and one in 100 are carriers. Onset of symptoms usually occurs between the ages of five and fifteen.

What are the symptoms?

- Muscle weakness and loss of coordination (ataxia) in the arms and legs
- Vision impairment, hearing loss and slurred speech
- Aggressive scoliosis (curvature of the spine)
- Diabetes mellitus or carbohydrate intolerance
- Enlarged heart (hypertrophic cardiomyopathy), a serious heart condition

For most, progressive loss of muscle strength and control leads to motor incapacitation and the full time use of a wheelchair. The mental capabilities of people coping with Friedreich's ataxia, however, remain completely intact.

There is no known treatment or cure for this life-threatening disease.

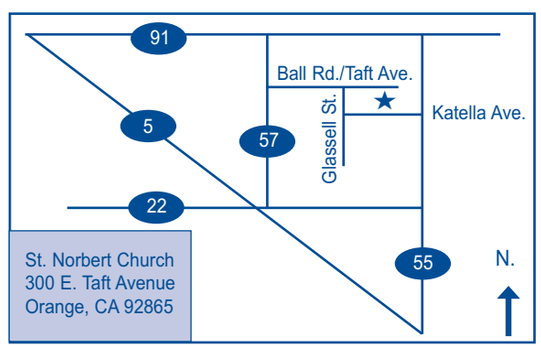
Walk Information

Walk Rain or Shine!!

Date: Saturday, May 19, 2007
Location: St. Norbert Church
300 E. Taft Avenue
Orange, CA 92865
Time: 9:00 am
Registration: Beginning at 7:00a m
Distance: 5K (3.1 miles)

All walkers must turn in their donations along with the sponsorship form before the start of the walk.

Directions



Raise More Money and Earn a Prize

The first 500 registered walkers will receive a T-shirt and "goody bag" on the day of the walk. Walkers raising $100 or more are eligible to receive the prize at their designated level (below) in addition to their T-shirt.

Raise	Earn
$5,000	Flat Screen TV
$2,500	Apple 8 GB iPod Nano
$1,000	$100 Target Gift Card
$750	Apple 1 GB iPod Shuffle
$500	$50 Dave & Busters Gift Card
$250	$25 Apple iTunes Gift Card
$100	$10 Starbucks Gift Card

Live Auction

- ★ Meet & Greet Jay Leno
- ★ Hand Painting by Chelsea's best friend, Molly
- ★ Play Station 3

All Funds Raised Will Go To Research!

FARA is a not-for-profit organization. 100% of proceeds goes to finding a cure. Our Federal Tax ID Number is 52-2122720.

Sponsorship Form

Remember, this is a pre-paid walk, so collect all money from your sponsors before the event. Have your sponsors make all checks payable to FARA. Write the name of each sponsor and the donation amount on the form below. Then, bring the donations and this form with you on the day of the walk or send them in during pre-registration. If you have additional sponsors, list them on a separate sheet of paper.

SPONSOR	DONATION
TOTAL	