

Registration Form

Name _____
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	Pre-Register by <u>5/12/07</u>	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:

Treatment Era - 2007



Chelsea opens her eyes every morning confronted with a new day of challenges and frustrations. Chelsea was diagnosed at the age of five with Friedrich's Ataxia (FA). FA is a life-shortening, debilitating, and rare neurogenetic disorder. Specific symptoms include loss of strength and coordination in the hands, arms and legs, slurred speech, reduced vision and hearing, scoliosis, heart disease, and diabetes. FA usually leads to full-time wheelchair use and death in early adulthood.

Chelsea, now a beautiful 13-year-old girl, continues to battle this disease daily. Chelsea is now legally blind. She can no longer do any activities most of us take for granted, such as self-feeding, bathing, brushing her teeth, brushing her hair, or dressing herself. This disease has robbed Chelsea of her independence, her dignity and her pride. Remarkably, despite the grim scenario painted above, Chelsea is cheerful, happy and loving. The disease progresses with time and there is no treatment or cure. Chelsea's family and friends have watched her suffer with this illness as each year brings new challenges.

Anyone who has ever met this little girl knows that she is lit from within. She has a heavenly glow about her and would want people reading this to think she's just as happy in her wheelchair as she would be on the soccer field or on a dance team. Chelsea has said that in her dreams at night, she always sees herself in a wheelchair. Yet while awake, she dreams of running and jumping in the pool. The difference between her sleeping dreams and her daydreams can be explained in a single word: "Hope".

The concept of hope is often invoked when discussing incurable or difficult-to-treat diseases, but never more poignantly than in the case of FA. That's because many researchers involved in FA studies believe that a treatment and cure are on the visible horizon -- perhaps within the lifetime of children who are currently afflicted. When Chelsea was originally diagnosed, they called FA an "orphan" disease." Now it's found a home in the heart of our community and in the minds of prominent research scientists.

The annual WALK FOR HOPE AND A CURE is a fundraising campaign for FARA (Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance). FARA is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to supporting research leading to a treatment or cure for this relentless and devastating disease. We must keep the hopes and dreams of Chelsea and all of those afflicted with Friedrich's Ataxia alive by supporting the research through our donations and participation in fundraising efforts. There is no longer any doubt -- working hard together, we WILL get treatments! The scientists and the Friedrich's Ataxia community are confident they will succeed. Please help assemble the financial resources needed to support the research that will push treatments across the finish line.

Please join us on May 19, 2007, the Sixth Annual FARA Walk for Hope and a Cure, which will take place at St. Norbert School and Church, at 300 East Taft, in Orange, California. Please join our fight. Generous donors and volunteers like you can truly make a difference. Donations are tax-deductible. For more information, call (714) 685-0096. To make donations by credit card, visit the FARA website (www.faresearchalliance.org). Mail checks made out to "FARA" to: 3550 E. Marywood Dr. Orange, CA 92867.



May 19, 2007

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