

THE EVENING'S Special Guests

KYLE BRYANT grew up like most northern California kids — active in all all sports. At age 14, Kyle was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia (FA). Though FA has hindered his ability to participate in some of the sports he loves, the disease has enhanced Kyle's passion for (tri)cycling. In 2006, Kyle founded Ride Ataxia, an organization that has helped to raise \$350,000 for FA research in association with the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance and the National Ataxia Foundation.

CHELSEA CHAMBERLAIN is a 24-year-old college graduate. Born in Colorado but raised in Arizona, Chelsea graduated from Arizona State University in May 2007 with a bachelor of arts in communications. Chelsea was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia in 1996. To her parents' frustration, Chelsea remained adamant about staying independent and walking as long as possible. During her sophomore year of college, she made the decision to switch to her wheelchair, which has not stopped her from living her life the way she sees fit.

SAMANTHA BODE, who responds only to "Sam," is a fourth-year student at Southern Connecticut State University. Sam is studying communications with a concentration on video editing. She was quite the athlete as a child and by the age of 5 was already riding horses. By the time she was 8, she was an accomplished rider, but one day she started falling down. Friedreich's Ataxia may have taken away Sam's ability to walk, but it hasn't worn down her sense of humor or her zest for life.

PROGRAM

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2008

Leonard and Madlyn Abramson Pediatric Research Center
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

6:30 P.M.
Cocktails
Art Showcase

7:30 P.M.
Welcome and Acknowledgments
David Lynch, M.D., Ph.D.
Attending Physician, Division of Neurology
Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Remarks
Special guests Kyle Bryant, Chelsea Chamberlain and
Samantha Bode, who are living life to the fullest with Friedreich's Ataxia

Dinner provided by



9 P.M.
Closing Remarks
David Lynch, M.D., Ph.D.

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