



Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance

Date

Dear Business Owner:

We are preparing to kick off the _____ for Friedrich's Ataxia (FA). The event will take place on _____ at _____. We are the proud parents of _____ (age), who was diagnosed with Friedrich's Ataxia on _____. With the help of our wonderful friends and family, we hope to raise funds for critical research and foster awareness about this disease.

Friedreich's ataxia is a life-shortening, debilitating and rare genetic neurodegenerative disorder. Onset of symptoms usually occurs between the ages of 5 and 15. Symptoms include muscle weakness and loss of coordination in the arms and legs; impairment of vision, hearing and speech; aggressive scoliosis (curvature of the spine); diabetes, and a serious heart condition. Most patients need a wheelchair full-time by their late teens or early twenties. There is currently no treatment and no cure.

The Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) was established in 1998 by a group of patient families and leading FA scientists. FARA is supporting research that will improve the quality and length of life for those diagnosed with Friedrich's ataxia and will lead to treatments that eliminate its symptoms. In 2007, FARA approved funding for over \$1 million for 17 grants, and our partner organizations funded an additional \$500,000 for these meritorious projects. The biggest challenge facing our organization and our Friedrich's ataxia community is translating basic science discovery into effective therapies in the most expedited and appropriate way possible. Your support can give us the resources to meet this challenge. Please see www.curefa.org for more information on FARA.

[Insert information re: fundraiser]

We are also seeking Corporate donations. **Checks can be made to:**
Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance or (FARA)
Mail to:

FARA is a 501 (c)(3) tax-exempt non-profit organization. **FARA's tax ID number is 52-2122720.** Donations are tax deductible.

You can contact me at _____ or by cell phone at _____. E-mail _____
Any donations are greatly appreciated and will help to find a cure for Friedrich's Ataxia!
Thank you for your generous support!

Sincerely,