



October News Update

Research Grants Extended to Two Centers

Your fundraising efforts have allowed us to extend two grants paying for research into better treatments and an eventual cure for JM. We recently gave the Cure JM Program of Excellence in JM Research at Children's Memorial Research Center in Chicago a new \$667,000 grant to help cover two more years of work while the JM research and treatment center at The George Washington University in Washington, D.C., received \$100,000 for an additional year. Watch for research updates and highlights from these programs on the Cure JM Web site.

Register Now for February's National Conference and Educational Forum

Forty JM families have already signed up for our next national Cure JM Conference and Fundraiser, set for Valentine's weekend (Feb. 12-14, 2010) in Austin, Texas. The event will feature research presentations by Dr. Ann Reed (Mayo Clinic), Dr. Lauren Pachman (Cure JM Program of Excellence in Chicago) and Dr. Lisa Rider (National Institutes of Health and the GWU Center). To join us, **register at www.firstgiving.com/curejm**. Event details are at www.curejm.org.

Young Adult Conference Raises Awareness and over \$60,000

More than 20 JM families attended October's successful Young Adult JM conference in Chicago. Participants attended an educational seminar addressing issues JM children face as adults, toured the Cure JM Program of Excellence at Children's Memorial Research Center and swapped stories about their JM experiences. JM families and friends also took part in the Chicago Marathon, as volunteers or runners, and raised more than \$60,000 for JM research and educational programs.

Cure JM Joins the Social Media Revolution

Thanks to JM mom Annie Mitchell, you can now stay in touch with Cure JM events and news through Twitter, join a Cure JM group on LinkedIn and share Cure JM news through Facebook and other social media sites. Look for the links on our home page.

Holiday Donation Cards and I-Give

If you want to donate to Cure JM on behalf of others this holiday season, we will soon have downloadable holiday cards available on www.curejm.org. You'll be able to save the cards to your computer, then personalize and print them for mailing. Also, you can help Cure JM by holiday shopping at www.igive.com where you can choose from over 700 stores and up to 26% of your purchase goes to Cure JM. And, if you register and shop through "I-Give" within the next 45 days, Cure JM receives a bonus \$5 donation!

Special Thank You

We are all volunteers at Cure JM. We are grateful to all of you for supporting us and other JM families through our Web site message board, fundraisers, donations and

volunteering of time. However, the work never ends. Some children continue to go undiagnosed or misdiagnosed because doctors are not aware of JM. Others are in wheelchairs or disfigured, and some have even lost their lives from JM complications. We need your continued support to build greater awareness and knowledge about JM around the world. This will help lead to better outcomes for our children, improved treatments, and ultimately, a cure. We look forward to celebrating that day with you!

Sincerely,

Your volunteer Board of Directors (pictured below at Chicago event from L to R)
Jacque DenUyl, Shari and Tom Hume, Rhonda McKeever and Patti Lawler

