



May 10, 2007

Dear Friends of **PKS Kids**,

Spring is here and with it comes a lot of news from **PKS Kids**. First, thank you for your support as we've launched our organization. We are here to serve your family and friends affected by Pallister-Killian Syndrome and without your support, it wouldn't be possible.

Have you visited our website at [www.pkskids.net](http://www.pkskids.net)? If so, we'd love your feedback! Send us a comment or visit our guestbook. What would you like to see on the site? One addition in the future will be a resources page. We will start small and slowly enlarge it. Things such as schools, therapies, equipment, and financial aid will be included. Have a good item or topic to list there? Send it to us!

Our first major mailing will be going out within the next month. We will be mailing a letter, brochure and characteristic flyer to every geneticist office in the country! Over 2500 doctors will hear our message and get a good look at PKS. We think this is the start of big things to come.

**Here is an easy way to help PKS Kids!** Visit [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com). This is a search engine (similar to Google, Lycos, etc) powered by Yahoo. For every search you do from GoodSearch one penny comes to **PKS Kids**. (And those pennies add up quickly!) Enter **PKS Kids** where it says "Who do you want to GoodSearch for", click verify and search! (You may also install their toolbar) **PKS Kids** will be your default charity unless you change it. It's as easy as that! If just 500 of us use GoodSearch to search online four times a day, we will raise about \$7300 in a year without anyone spending a dime! ***And, be sure to spread the word!***

Don't forget our online store at CafePress. [www.cafepress.com/pkskids](http://www.cafepress.com/pkskids). We earn a small profit on all items sold and more importantly, by buying and wearing our logo, we gain recognition for **PKS Kids** and Pallister-Killian Syndrome.

Do you have a PKS Kids awareness bracelet? For your minimum donation of \$2.00 each, you can wear one too! Click here to order bracelets. <http://www.pkskids.net/raisingawareness.htm> Payments are accepted through PayPal or by check.

Exceptional Parent magazine is a wonderful publication for parents of special needs kids. They are teaming up with **PKS Kids** and will donate \$5.00 for each subscription ordered through our website. Check it out!

Is your PKS son or daughter featured on our *Faces of PKS* page? If he or she isn't and you'd like him or her to be, pick out your favorite snapshot and email it to Gretchen at [gertyp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gertyp@sbcglobal.net). We will always accept your photo and if you ever feel like changing your child's picture just email a new one to Gretchen at any time and ask her to make a change. Additionally, if you have a website or a blog about your child or family, let us know and we can add that to our site too. Having that personal insight can provide a lot of information and inspiration to all.

PKS Kids is starting the planning phases of a medical conference back in Philadelphia next year. We've made initial contact with CHoP about it and they are thrilled again to be part of our conference and continue research of Pallister-Killian Syndrome. Stay tuned for dates to come soon.

In the meantime, don't forget the PKS Family Reunion being held in Columbus, OH August 10, 11, & 12, 2007. Contact Gretchen ([gertyp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gertyp@sbcglobal.net)) or Holly ([hollsjazzy@nycap.rr.com](mailto:hollsjazzy@nycap.rr.com)) if you have questions. Here is the hotel information:

**Crowne Plaza Dublin 614-764-2200**

You must call to get our special rate! Ask for the **PKS FAMILY REUNION** and you'll receive our group rate of \$109.00 per night which includes breakfast for 4 each morning. We ask that reservations be made by May 31, 2007.

Please visit our website often, leave your feedback and please promote PKS Kids in any way you can.

Thank you,

**PKS Kids** Board

*Dawn Bergquist ~ mother of Aidan*

*Mike Zane ~ father of Jake*

*Cammie Gray ~ mother of Kelsey*

*Gretchen Peters ~ mother of Simon*

*Dana Paglia ~ mother of Vinny*

*With your permission, we'd like to keep you informed of what is happening with **PKS Kids**. If you'd rather not receive updates for **PKS Kids**, please reply to this email and tell us you'd like to UNSUBSCRIBE. Feel free to forward this email to anyone who would be interested. If you'd like to add any additional names to the mailing list, have them email us at [gertyp@sbcglobal.net](mailto:gertyp@sbcglobal.net)*