

Conference is Coming, Conference is Coming!

The 22nd National CdLS Conference
Chicago Marriott at Oak Brook
Oak Brook, Illinois
June 24-27, 2004

Conference begins Thursday, June 24th at 11:00 a.m. (for regional and awareness coordinators) and 6:00 p.m. for everyone. It ends on Sunday, June 27th, at noon. Childcare is available for children with CdLS who do not require one-on-one supervision. A program (off-site) is offered for brothers and sisters (only) of children with CdLS, ages 4 – 12.

A registration form will be sent to all members in early 2004. Register early so we may plan for your needs! To help you plan your conference budget, here are the registration fees and hotel rates:

Registration fees:

Adults:	\$250
Children (2-18)	\$125
Children (under 2)	No Charge
Professionals Only:	\$100 (Thursday – One Day)
One day Registration	\$150 (Fri. or Sat.)

Person with CdLS: No Charge

Cancellations after June 15 are subject to a \$50 charge per registration, unless result of a medical or family emergency.

Hotel Rate: \$99 + tax (approx. 7 %) for a single or double room/night.

If space is available, rate will be honored from June 21-June 30, allowing attendees to extend their vacations. **Hotel reservations must be made directly with the Chicago Marriott Oak Brook.** To receive the special rate, call 800-228-9290 or 630-573-84555. Be sure to specify that you are attending the **CdLS-USA National Conference** with the Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation group. If required, state that you need a crib at the time you make your reservation. If you must cancel your reservation, be sure to request a cancellation number.

The Marriott Oak Brook is easily accessible from O'Hare and Midway Airports as well as all major highways. Family shopping and dining is available at the nearby Oak Brook Center.

The following group meals are included within your registration package:

Friday, June 25	Saturday, June 26	Sunday, July 27
Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
Lunch	Lunch	

**Saturday night's celebration dinner is optional

For information about the Chicago area, contact the Convention & Tourism Bureau or logon to their website at: www.chicago.il.org/

How to Get There! . . .

. . . Financially, that is. Registration for mom, dad, brothers, sisters; airfare, gas money; three or four nights lodging; dinner, snacks; gifts, and possibly, some time enjoying the Windy City. How do real people afford to attend a great national conference like this one?

As the Beatles used to say, with a little help from your friends.

With a conference fundraising packet from the Foundation, you can use proven tools to help you request funding from friends, area businesses and service organizations (Knights of Columbus, Rotary, Lions, etc.) that can help you attend conference with your family.

Some families have been successful in applying to private foundations or specific government programs for assistance. Be prepared since some opportunities may require special circumstances on your part and all of them require some research and/or legwork.

We can help. Call 800-223-8355 or e-mail giving@CdLSusa.org for your copy of the conference fundraising packet today.

