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Annual road race benefits children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome

LAPEL, IN (June 29, 2007)— The Eight Annual Lapel Village Fair 5K Run/Walk to benefit children with Cornelia de Lange Syndrome (CdLS) is Saturday, July 14.

The race is organized by Scott and Tammy Hersberger, whose 17-year-old son Conrad was born with CdLS, a little-known genetic disorder that occurs in about 1 in 10,000 births. An estimated 20,000 people in the U.S. have CdLS but remain undiagnosed.

Although children with CdLS range from mildly to severely affected, most have similar physical characteristics: small hands and head, eyebrows that meet, long eyelashes, upturned nose, and thin, downturned lips. Some have limb differences, missing limbs or partial joining of the toes. Common medical problems include reflux, bowel abnormalities, heart defects, seizures, and cleft palette.

The race entry fee is \$19 and includes a t-shirt. The entry fee is \$10 without a t-shirt. There is also a free one mile fun run/walk that starts at the conclusion of the 5K event.

Registration begins at 6:45 a.m. at Woodward Park. The race kicks off at 7:30 a.m. The awards ceremony is at 9 a.m. For more information, call 534-3754 or 534-3131

All funds raised go to the CdLS Foundation. Founded in 1981, the Foundation is a family support organization that exists to ensure early and accurate diagnosis of CdLS, promote research into the causes and manifestations of the syndrome, and help people with a

diagnosis of CdLS make informed decisions throughout their lifetime. For more information, call 800-753-2357 or go to www.cdlsusa.org.

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