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message from the
executive
director
Individually we are rare,
but together we are
strong.

This is the tagline for
Rare Disease Day, which
the world celebrates every
February 28. We celebrate
this day because one in 10
Americans live with a rare
disease or disorder, and 50
percent of those patients are
children.

“Celebrate” may seem
an odd word to use for
recognizing this day, but
we use it because we are
celebrating the fact that we
can travel this difficult road
together. We are not alone
in our moments of despair,
and we are bound by the

thankful for
crouzon syndrome
By Ashley Rhodes

I grew up with a moderate case of Crouzon syndrome.
It was both my curse and my blessing. I thought once I
finished having all my surgeries, grew up and became an
adult that the syndrome would be behind me.
I was wrong.
What I found out is it is always with you and is always
a part of you. It shapes you and how you see the world.
What I once hated, feared and could not wait to get rid
of, I am now so very blessed by, grateful for and I cannot
imagine my life without it.
I was raised in Kentucky, the middle of three kids in a
middle-class family. I was the only person in my family
with the syndrome. A spontaneous mutation is what it is
called when you are the first person in your family to get

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five-year-old Delaney Cunha is only a Kindergartener, but she is one busy girl. She really likes school, where she gets to meet new friends and play with them on the playground. Her favorite subjects are art and recess, and she loves riding the bus to school.

After school, Delaney goes to Extreme Youth Sports. She has the chance to try a lot of different activities like karate and dance. Over winter break, all her grandparents came to her house, which she enjoyed. She also went to Busch Gardens and had a super-fun time, especially climbing in the big treehouse.

In her spare time, you may find Delaney painting pretty pictures, cooking or baking something yummy, or singing or dancing to songs from Frozen, Doc McStuffins, or anything by Taylor Swift. Or she’ll be reading an Amelia Bedelia, Pinkalicious, Curious George or Sofia the First book.

Her favorite movies at the moment are Tangled, Despicable Me, Minions, and The Little Mermaid 1 and 2. As for TV, she loves just about anything on Disney Junior, including Mickey and the Roadster Racers, Elena from Avalor, Doc McStuffins, and Sofia the First.

Delaney has plans for the summer. She’s headed to Boston for appointments and to visit her family, plus she’s headed to Virginia and Washington, DC, for the CCA Retreat! She also loves going to Orlando and Disney World for vacation, too.

Her first retreat was last year in Fort Lauderdale, and she had so much fun hanging out at the pool, dancing the night away on Saturday, and meeting new friends. She enjoyed the entire weekend, and so did her mommy and daddy. They are counting the days until this summer’s retreat!

Delaney was born with Pfeiffer syndrome. Even though she is only five, she has some practical advice for other kids going through something similar: “Listen to your doctor and nurse, and tell someone if something is bothering you.” Well said, Delaney!
My name is Alyssa Rieger. I am 14 years old and I am from New Jersey. I was born with Lambdoidal Craniosynostosis. Since my diagnosis, I have had six surgeries for my condition, including two cranial vault reconstructions and one frontal orbital advancement. I had my latest surgery on March 30.

I love to bowl, and I won a state tournament that led me to a national tournament in Chicago when I was just 12 years old. I also enjoy listening to music. My favorite artist is Selena Gomez. After my fifth surgery, I got to meet her at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia. My favorite TV show is The Vampire Diaries.

I have an older sister, Dayna, and a younger brother, Tyler. They have both been very supportive of everything that I have to go through, even though it is hard on them too.

When I am older, I want to work with children. I enjoy playing with and teaching toddlers. They are so much fun. I plan to teach kids early in life that bullying is not nice.

My first retreat was in 2016. It was one of the best experiences of my life. I met kids who were going through what I was, when I had previously thought I was all alone. This made me feel better about myself and made me feel good to know that my family and I had support all over. I can’t wait for the next retreat to see old friends and make new ones.
My name is Dayna Rieger and I am 15 years old. I'm a sophomore in high school and am in band, which keeps me very busy, but I love it. I play the marimba and the piano extremely well.

This summer I will be traveling with the Jersey Surf Drum Corps, this is just the beginning of all that I wish to accomplish. This opportunity will bring me to many cities and states this summer to perform.

Music is my greatest passion. My dream is to get a degree in music education and then go to law school. I'm working hard for the grades it takes to achieve this goal.

My friends help me with everything, and they have really been there to support me through everything my sister has gone through. I spend all my time with them, and they're my favorite people to be around. I love keeping in touch with friends from retreat and am sad I will miss being there with my family this year.

Living with a sister with Craniosynostosis has been hard but can also be cool because I always have a story to tell. I went to my first retreat in Ft. Lauderdale. It has helped me because it exposed me to other people with other conditions besides Craniosynostosis. I met amazing people and other siblings whom I could relate to. I was afraid that I was going to feel left out, but I ended up, of course, being just fine.

My name is Tyler Rieger. I am 10 years old and I am in fifth grade. My favorite things to do are watch YouTube videos and play games. When I am bored, I like to hang out with my friends and family, and sometimes we play games. I also like to watch and play Pokémon. I am in band and play the xylophone. I also sing in our choir in school. I'm very good at math and I get good grades.

I love my family and friends very much and spend as much time with them as I can. That is why retreat is so fun. I get to spend time with my family and I make a lot of friends. I really enjoy going and meeting new people, with new conditions, and from new places that I can hear all about.

I feel special being the sibling of a CranioKid. My sister shows me how important it is to be nice to everyone and teaches me how to be strong through the worst of times. I hope that I can help teach others everything I have learned by being Alyssa's brother.
CCA is honored to be the beneficiary of the annual Gingertown Dallas event at NorthPark Center once again. The 2016 event marks our 7th year as the recipient charity, and the theme this year was “London.” The intricate creations were displayed on the first floor of the luxury shopping center, so visitors could enjoy it as part of the art experience that NorthPark offers. Each year, teams of local architects, engineers, and design professionals build a stunning miniature town out of candies, sweets, treats and, of course, gingerbread!

The Gingertown event was established in 2006 by David M. Schwarz Architects in Washington, DC, and started in Dallas in 2010. We are so grateful for this unique and fun event that encourages visitors to donate to CCA when they view the display. We visited the exhibit and captured some fun photos and enjoyed seeing all the kids checking out the tasty town and finding their favorite buildings and recognizing London landmarks. Even Santa picked his favorite while visiting NorthPark—the London Eye Ferris Wheel!

This delightful event raised $20,494 for CCA, and we are so grateful to everyone who participated and donated. We extend our special thanks to RJ Reissig, Project Manager of NorthPark Management; Pamela Mitchell, Isabel O’Neill, and Shelby Foster of NorthPark Center; The David M. Schwarz Architects Charitable Foundation, and the Gingertown Dallas construction crew!

NorthPark Gingertown Dallas-2016 Participants & Donors:

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- Mark E. Brohard
- William R. Carroll
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- CallisonRTKL Associates Inc.
- Gensler
- Page
- The Theodore Restaurant
- Mrs. Fields Cookies
- Corner Bakery
- Chick-fil-a
- Fuzziwig’s Candy Factory

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NorthPark Gingertown Dallas-2016 Participants & Donors:
CCA, together with Drs. Jeffrey Fearon, David Genecov and Carlos Barcelo, hosted its 27th annual holiday party at Southfork Ranch, in Parker, TX. The much-anticipated event was held Saturday, December 10, and around 350 attendees joined us for a morning full of fun!

DJ Joe Mir was the entertainment, and everyone really enjoyed participating in the fun, music and games. Parents had just as much fun as the kids, especially during the wrap-your-mom-and-dad dance competition. Captain from the Texas Rangers also joined in the fun and danced with our kiddos!

Everyone enjoyed cake, punch and other goodies as well as arts and crafts. The kids made crafts, and some dads decorated their own extra-large cookie. Some even had their faces painted! They were also able to see a real fire truck, thanks to the Parker County Fire Department!

Families went home with lots of door prizes, which were donated by several local businesses. Prizes included tickets to the Dallas Zoo, a gift card to the Magic Time Machine, passes to Amazing Jake’s and more! Each year, the highlight of the party is the big guy from the North Pole, Santa Claus, and this year was no different. Children had their pictures taken with Santa, and everyone went home with a toy and keepsake photo.

CCA would like to thank Southfork Ranch for hosting as well as their amazing staff! Huge thanks go out to our wonderful volunteers from the Italian Club of Dallas, Gerardo Seltzer, Clif Bar & Company, Tyler Hanson, KLS Martin, Medical City Children’s Hospital of Dallas, Dr. Kenneth Salyer and World Craniofacial Foundation.
midwest holiday gathering

Santa also stopped by at the Parkway Chateau in Kenosha, Wisconsin, to visit with CCA kids and families who gathered for a pizza lunch, crafts and visiting. Regulars joined a few new families, and lots of networking and sharing made the afternoon successful and fun.

Special guest, Peggy Lightfoot, came to meet the kids and hand out gifts, representing Cher Crew fans who raised funds during Cher’s birthday month last May to care for our kids. Our friend Christian Scalise also came to present CCA with a photo of his latest poster pic taken with a celebrity, this time none other than our own spokesperson, Cher!

Kids young and old sat on Santa’s knee for photos and to tell him what they wanted for Christmas, and each received a bag of gifts to tide them over until his official visit, compliments of the Jaskowiak family and their Project Angel Eyes NFP. Big thanks to them, Santa, and all those who attended, brought snacks or helped in any way! A good time was had by all. See you next year!

THIS ISSUE OF THE CCA NETWORK IS DEDICATED IN MEMORY OF EMMANUEL GUTIERREZ, JAXSON HOFFMAN, AND MARISA VAN TIL
Alexa Rast made a pledge at the 2016 Retreat to raise funds for Retreat Scholarships for 2017. We created her Facebook page called, Alexa’s CCA Give Back and our family surpassed our goal by raising just **over $5,000.**

We held multiple fundraisers, including a lemonade stand, casino bus trip, online auction, a GoFundMe page, and jewelry and food parties. Also, Alexa and her sister, Hadley, collected donations instead of birthday gifts. We have been blessed by the friendships we have made through CCA and we know the importance of CCA retreats. We are excited to give back and our next big project is our golf tournament in Modesto, CA, on May 20, 2017. Please join us in FUNdraising for CCA retreat scholarships!

Thanks to the incredible dedication and hard work of CCA volunteer Carolyn Johnson, CCA now has full-scale lesson plans available for middle-grade teachers wanting to use **Wonder** in their classroom curriculum. This is what Carolyn says of the project:

I wrote this Curriculum with Classroom Guide on behalf of CCA, and it is intended to accompany R.J. Palacio’s award-winning children’s book, **Wonder.** I am an instructional consultant with 45 years of educational experience as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, trainer and facilitator. Most recently, I serve as an independent consultant providing training and technical assistance to schools to assist with student achievement.

The lessons were written and correlated to the National Common Core Curriculum standards and the Texas Essential Knowledge and Skills, since I am a Texas-based educator. These correlations are merely suggested skills, and, certainly, the classroom teacher can make determinations as to other skills that may be addressed.

The three-dimensional graphic organizers, or “foldables,” used as performance assessments were inspired by the work of Dinah Zike and are used with her permission. Both CCA and I offer our sincere gratitude to Dinah. (See more of her work at [www.dinah.com](http://www.dinah.com).) We also offer our sincere thanks to Jennifer Johnson, my daughter, for the design of the lesson plans. See more of her work at [JenniferJohnsonArt.com](http://JenniferJohnsonArt.com).

Finally, sincerest thanks to R.J. Palacio for her brilliantly written novel and for the impact that it is having on adults and children everywhere. As a parent of a child born with a facial difference, I can tell you that as more people approach the world with kindness in their hearts, the weight of being different and the associated burdens will be greatly lightened. This poignant little book is a great reminder to all of us to “Choose Kind.”
In honor of Char Smith's 27 years as Executive Director, CCA started the Starfish Scholarship Fund based on the parable, “The Star Thrower.”

Once upon a time, there was an old man who used to go to the ocean to do his writing. He had a habit of walking on the beach every morning before he began his work. Early one morning, he was walking along the shore after a big storm had passed and found the vast beach littered with starfish as far as the eye could see, stretching in both directions.

Off in the distance, the old man noticed a small boy approaching. As the boy walked, he paused every so often and as he grew closer, the man could see that he was occasionally bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The boy came closer still and the man called out, “Good morning! May I ask what it is that you are doing?”

The young boy paused, looked up, and replied “Throwing starfish into the ocean. The tide has washed them up onto the beach, and they can’t return to the sea by themselves,” the youth replied. “When the sun gets high, they will die, unless I throw them back into the water.

The old man replied, “But there must be tens of thousands of starfish on this beach. I’m afraid you won’t really be able to make much of a difference.”

The boy bent down, picked up yet another starfish and threw it as far as he could into the ocean. Then he turned, smiled and said, “It made a difference to that one!”

This year we will be adding $27,000 to our retreat scholarship fund for families to attend the Retreat. The hope is that we can offer these scholarships to new families and families who have been unable to attend for many years but live in the region of the event. We are awarding these scholarships based on applications and nominations.

If you would like to participate, please know that you too can make a difference. We are asking individuals, workplaces, teams, neighborhoods, schools and churches to come together and fund a named Starfish Scholarship. We encourage you to work together to raise the $1,000 it takes to sponsor a child. You have until May 15, 2017, to pledge to sponsor an attendee for this year’s retreat.
Thank you, Christian Scalise!

Christian is the founder/CEO of Country Stars Central and Showbiz Deluxe, two websites dedicated to covering celebrity and music news and interviews. Christian first learned about CCA because of his Midwest (Wisconsin) connection with buddies Jill Patterson and her son, Robbie Gorecki. Initially he used his websites to run advertisements for CCA to help raise awareness and funds during Craniofacial Acceptance Month. He then met some of the younger CCA Kids, which only increased his desire to spread the word about CCA.

Now, Christian continues to bring along the CCA poster on his exciting celebrity interviews and asks each famous face to pose with it to further spread the message of acceptance and hope. Christian has also secured valuable donations of concert tickets and meet-and-greets, which he generously donates to CCA to auction on CharityBuzz.com. His hard work has resulted in hundreds of dollars for CCA, a true gift for which we are so grateful. Read our exclusive interview with Christian, and see more of his celebrity photos, on our blog, CCAKidsBlog.org.

Thank you, Christian, for using your energy, enthusiasm, and celebrity sway for CCA!

donor in the spotlight

Call from a family during your child’s surgery, visit: bit.ly/ccasurgery.

Mavis is the proud grandma to Emily, 25 and Danny, 23. She is one of the most generous, caring, friendly, and talkative people you’ll meet! She loves to sew, crochet, knit, bake and volunteer.

When I asked if she’d like to donate some blankets to CCA She said “I’d love to! How many would they like!” Mavis says that CCA means a lot to her because it has been special to her granddaughter Emily and her family. Emily has Treacher Collins syndrome, and Mavis loves to see retreat photos of Emily with her “mini me” TCS friends!

cheers for volunteers!

Thank you, Denise Paulson and Mavis Lura for the incredible donation of handmade blankets for our care packages! These comfy and cozy blankets mean so much to the kids who receive them, and it is all the more special when they are made with so much love. Thank you so much, Denise and Mavis for sharing your hearts with our CCA Kids! If you would like to sign up for a care package, get well card, or call from a family during your child’s surgery, visit: bit.ly/ccasurgery.

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often lonely and difficult decisions we face. So, each February, we celebrate our ability to connect, share, and ultimately, advocate as a larger constituency to create the change we want to see in the world.

But this slogan—Individually we are rare, but together we are strong—is more than a great T-shirt to me. It is my driving force. As a person with a facial difference, I often feel singled out in a crowd. My “individuality” is not a choice; it is a fact of life. It comes with the territory of living with a difference. Fortunately, the older I’ve gotten, the more I have learned that my physical presence can invite or dissuade questions—and I can use that presence as a tool to my advantage.

When I’m out representing CCA, I welcome questions so I can encourage others to see the value in the work we do, and help them understand why I believe we must raise funds and awareness for our kids. However, if I am at the grocery store or the DMV, my presence can also dissuade unnecessary or rude questions by acting assertively, cheerfully and politely.

But these are “hacks” that we all employ as part of the individual experience. We come to terms with and learn to navigate the tricky situations, just like everyone else out there. However, my fervent passion these days is the second part of this Rare Disease theme—**together, we are strong**.

Our board of directors and I have big goals for CCA—goals that preceded all of us, but that we intend to nurture and grow. Our hope is that together CCA families support each other on our journeys and bring a powerful, joyful awareness to the world that we are more alike than different. We want our community to realize that when we work together, we can accomplish amazing things—like distributing more than 5,000 *Wonder* books last year to students and sending families on more than 100 travel trips.

So this is my request to you: We must practice reaching out and bringing others into our community of kindness and hope. We must fight against cliquishness and challenge ourselves to say, “You can sit with me,” at every single lunch table across America. I ask that you pass along a *Wonder* book—or any book—to the newest person at your workplace, then invite them out for coffee to talk about it.

And possibly most importantly, at the Retreat this year, I challenge CCA attendees to meet at least five new families you’ve never met before. I promise it won’t be hard to find them, as we are projecting this to be the largest Retreat to date! It may be hard to step out of your comfort zone and speak up, but it will be worth it.

While we had 29 scholarship families in 2016, because of support from generous donors, we have 50 this year! No matter how big our group gets, our Retreat mantra remains, “we are family.” Please be open to the new faces you see and don’t just smile—go up, introduce yourself, and exchange text messages. Work together to decide how you’ll bring kindness back to your classrooms, clubs, teams and neighborhoods. Then, tell us at CCA what we can do to help.

Our motto extends beyond Retreat, if you are reading this newsletter, **we are family!** Let us know how we can work with you. Email me your ideas, your hopes, and your availability and together, let’s make the world a kinder place. It’s up to us and we are strong. EMossholder@CCAKids.com

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CCA’s Executive Director

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**DONATE YOUR CAR**

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it—lucky me. Most all of my surgeries were done in Charlottesville, VA, by Dr. Milton Edgerton, so we were always traveling back and forth for appointments and procedures.

The syndrome was a part of my life but certainly not all of it. I had a very normal childhood. I was a good student. I fought with my siblings, had friends, was involved in all kinds of activities and even played sports. I did the things that were expected. Eventually, I graduated from college and moved away from home. I made it to Tennessee, where I would work with children that had similar craniofacial anomalies.

While still in college in the late 1990s, I found a group on the Internet called Children’s Craniofacial Association. Keep in mind that the Internet was just then becoming commonplace in homes across America. I had just received an email address and there certainly was not any social media.

My world had been awakened. I immediately told my Mom I wanted to go to a retreat. I was so excited at the possibility of meeting someone else like me because I had never met anyone else with Crouzon syndrome. It was an amazing experience, just like it is today. It gives people with craniofacial syndromes a place to be accepted. Where there once was isolation, there was now a community.

As one can imagine, for people with craniofacial anomalies, dating was not always easy, but then again it isn’t easy for anyone. There was one particular guy that did not pursue things further with me because I was “genetically flawed.” Shocking I know. But it dawned on me that while others may not have said it, they probably thought it.

It did get a little easier as I became more comfortable in my own skin. I ended up breaking a few hearts and got my heart broken. Then in 2003, I met Patrick. I told him all about the syndrome and it did not matter. When we began to discuss marriage, I told him he did not want to marry me because I could not give him a house full of perfectly perfect children. It did not matter. None of it mattered. We married in December 2004.

For many years, things were fine, just him and me. Then my biological clock started ticking. I did not know it then, but that clock would signify the beginning of a long journey to having a family. Eventually, Patrick and I, now living in South Carolina, went to see a geneticist in Charleston.

You see, I always knew my risks of having a child with the syndrome—it was a 50/50 shot. It was because of those odds that we had not yet had children. I knew full well that if I had a child with it that he/she could be less severe or more severe than I had been.

I was scared of having a child worse than me. I was afraid I would not be able to handle it. At the geneticist appointment, we both went through a series of tests. They told us that the option of IVF (invitro fertilization) with pre-genetic implantation was available. It was a mouthful, but what did it mean? Well for us it meant a long time praying and determining what was best for our family. In the end, we decided against it.

If we were not going to birth children, we would adopt. In December of 2010, we went to an adoption seminar and had plans to begin taking classes in January. But God had something else in mind. That night, I found out I was pregnant. Shocked, scared, terrified
and excited are the words I use to describe it.
I realize that many people have varying opinions about people with a craniofacial syndrome having their own children. Why would you want to bring a child into this world with something so bad? It is too high of a risk—I truly get it—I even had people criticize me too. One girl made snide remarks about my pregnancy. She did not understand how anyone could possibly be so excited about bringing a child into the world that may be deformed. It did not matter. Nothing anyone said mattered. But, what people forget is that for the person with the syndrome, they are having all the same feelings that anyone else who is expecting is experiencing.

Four months into the pregnancy, we found out that the child I was carrying tested positive for Crouzon syndrome. We were crushed. I had hoped and prayed that the baby would be spared. I was mad and angry. After all, I had done everything right. I had lived through it myself; I worked in it; now I would have to walk through it again, only this time, as a mother. The doctors gave us “options.” After the “options” had been mentioned too many times to count, my husband told them that abortion was not an option for us so they could stop mentioning it. We had more appointments, tests and ultrasounds than I can remember. I asked questions that they did not know the answers to. I was a mom that knew too much.

I asked the ultrasound tech to tell me how many sutures were closed on the baby. The tech would not tell me. Instead, the doctor came in and told me that the baby had something called “cloverleaf” skull. I knew exactly what it meant and I cried. Later, I even asked them if fluid was passing through the baby’s nostrils. Why did I ask that question? Because I wanted to know if my child would be able to breath on their own or if he would have to be trached. My greatest fear was that my child would have a trach. When the tech told me yes, I breathed a sigh of relief that I would not have to worry about that. We wanted to be fully prepared for what was coming. What I quickly found out was that I knew more than they did about the syndrome and that I would never be fully prepared for what was about to come.

In July 2011, I began having complications from too much amniotic fluid. After a two-hour ambulance ride to Charleston, 48 hours without sleep for Patrick or me, and nearly six weeks premature, Jack came into the world. Upon first seeing my new son, I knew his skull was bad. But within a short time, the “rose colored glasses” that all moms wear kicked in. I convinced myself that maybe it wasn’t really that bad. After all, he had just come through the birth canal, so some of it would smooth out with time.

While I was wrapping my mind around his skull issues, the doctors and nurses were trying to get Jack to breathe. Within a few minutes, my husband went with the nurses up to the NICU where he was immediately intubated. He was stable, for now.

Over the next few days, we were given lots of information. At one point, Patrick, myself and my mom were all sitting in my room searching the Internet. Mom looked up at us and said, “What see thankful, page 14
a difference 30 years makes.” She told us that when I was born, all she got was a piece of paper that described Crouzon syndrome and was told that I would probably die, but if I lived I would more than likely be mentally disabled. But here we were in the year 2011 and we had all the information we could ask for at our fingertips. I defied the odds, and I was determined that my child would too.

In less than a week, we knew that Jack could not breathe on his own. I spent my days by his bedside and my nights scouring the Internet and making phone calls looking for alternatives to a tracheostomy. I felt like if he went home with a trach, then he would never get rid of it. The doctors told us that according to the scan, his nostrils were completely blocked and that they would never open on their own. I shared with them what we were told during the ultrasound.

When they went in for surgery, they found that there was indeed an opening albeit a very, very small one. They put in a nasal stint to see if it would work. For three weeks, we waited. Jack never got better, only worse and worse. The stint was not enough. Things were bad, very bad. After nearly losing him, the realization that a tracheotomy was inevitable finally set in. Surgery was set and we were finally at peace with the decision. After surgery, we began learning how we would care for him at home with all the machines and medical care that it would require.

Then there was the matter of the cloverleaf skull. It was bad too. We were told that all his sutures but one had fused. Due to this, his brain was growing and pushing out of the one open suture on top of his head. He looked like one of the old Saturday Night Live characters, the Coneheads. His skull had been stretched so thin that it was like “Swiss cheese” the doctor told us—so many holes and very little protection. The procedure that the neurosurgeon used was called the “springs” procedure. It was not a conventional procedure and very few neurosurgeons used it, but ultimately we decided to go for it. After a few starts and stops, it worked for Jack.

In September, we finally brought him home. My mom and Patrick’s mom came to help us get acclimated to being new parents. We were both his parents and his nurses. Our world was forever changed. I learned that how we acted and treated him would be how the world would. One of the first things we decided was that we would live our life as best as we could and we would discover a new normal. If we went to the grocery store, so would he. If we went to the mall, so would he. I knew that if I sheltered him, the world would not ever accept him.

I discovered that friends we had would no longer be our friends because it was too difficult for them and that was okay. I understood. Conversely, friends we would never have imagined would become people we would come to rely on.

By March 2012, it was time for the frontal orbital advancement—and a shunt. By now, Jack’s head had grown quite large and the shunt was the only thing to do to relieve it. If we did not, permanent brain damage would surely set in. This surgery was the most complicated and the most trying for Patrick and me. After it was over, we all three came home changed for the better.

The first year of Jack’s life was the hardest of mine. The shunt, the trach, the cloverleaf—these were all things that I did not have as a child. I knew going into this these were possibilities, but I never thought my child would get all three. Well, he did; lucky him. He won the
trifecta, but he would make it through. There were so many surgeries that year that at his 12-month checkup we were told that he was functioning as a 6-month-old. I kept telling myself he would catch up. I knew that with every surgery there would be developmental setbacks, and catch up he did. By the time he reached 24 months, he was functioning right on target.

Today, Jack is a very normal 5-year-old little boy. He still has his trach, but it has now become a part of our lives. I am now grateful for it because I believe that he would not be thriving had he not had it. He is in Kindergarten this year, and cognitively he is above average. This year he took swimming lessons and he played on a baseball team. He has learned to answer questions about his trach himself, by giving a simple, “It helps me breathe,” answer.

A close friend of ours describes Jack in the following way, “He is just like any other 5-year-old boy in that he runs, jumps, gets dirty, plays tag, gets in trouble sometimes, loves to play superheroes and is learning how to read—oh and he happens to have a trach.”

As CCA was a part of my life, I want it to be a part of Jack’s as well. This past summer, my husband and I were able to take Jack to his first retreat. While Jack does not really get it yet, I certainly do. I no longer see the retreat through the eyes of someone with a syndrome. I see it through the eyes of a mom. I don’t compare his syndrome to other people. Instead, I see the connections he made this year with two other little boys his age. I see the support he will have through the years whether it is online or in person. I see that he will not grow up feeling isolated because he is the only one. I see a sense of normalcy and acceptance.

So, knowing what I know now, would I do it over? Absolutely! Jack is my greatest joy, and love can give you the stamina to walk through anything. His life is worth living just as much as a child that had been born without complications.

Jack’s syndrome is just a genetic mutation that people can see. But what if he had been born normal on the outside and then a genetic mutation that manifested itself in the form of some other disease? Would I do anything less than get him the best treatment? No. Would it mean that I should have terminated the pregnancy years ago? No. Would it mean that his life is not worth living? No way. I have learned that children like Jack have a purpose. Now, I don’t know what that is, but there is a purpose. Maybe it is just simply to show God’s glory. The miracles He can do when these children defy the odds. The miracles He can do when He brings this mother and father to their knees. Sometimes it is to show hope to others. Whatever plans God has for Jack, I can’t wait to find out.
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CCA is an assembly of the most devoted, caring and compassionate miracle-makers the world has known. This team is fueled by the love for every child ever born with a craniofacial anomaly. Every person on this team will move mountains and bend over backwards to do everything within their power to help a child.

My husband and I are so very blessed to have had the opportunity to see the miracles they perform firsthand. Back in 2007 we were blessed with a beautiful little girl. She was born with a heart of gold and a special smile. Her name is Autumn. Autumn was born with a severe complete bilateral cleft lip and palate. The severity of her condition made it very challenging to find a surgeon with the experience necessary to treat her condition.

After months of research we found Dr. Mulliken at Children’s Hospital Boston. Autumn has had six operations, the first being 12-and-a-half hours long. Each surgery has required a one-to-two-week stay in Boston, and the lodging, airfare, transportation and food cost combined are extremely expensive. CCA has been very generous in financially supporting these trips. Without them, they never would have happened!

Not only have they assisted us in paying for the trips but every time that we speak with Annie, CCA’s Program Director, it is just a reminder of all the good in the world. She is nothing short of an angel.

While we still have several more surgeries to go, Autumn is doing well. Every day when we look at her smile we thank CCA!

The Grady Family

Very rarely in our lifetime do we have the opportunity to experience something truly miraculous, and what we experienced with CCA Kids is nothing short of a miracle! Thank you Capistrano Unified School District and Katy Independent School District for participating in CCA’s Choose Kind Wonder program!”
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We have redesigned our *Wonder* t-shirts with the anticipation of the movie coming out! You will love them! Designed by **CCA Adult Jennifer Johnson** (merchandise designer for Andy Grammer, Reba McEntire, Rachel Platten and more) they say, “Change the World: Choose Kind.” Get one for yourself online in our webstore or contact us for school bulk orders. For orders of 48 or more, we can give you a great discount so your whole class can participate in the Kindness Movement.

**a living legacy**

We are so grateful for those who have thought ahead—many arranging planned giving according to their wishes—many times without even telling us. Those who have made the decision to champion CCA by leaving our charity in their will are providing a lasting legacy for years to come with their gifts.

For this reason, we initiated the CCA Legacy Society, for those who name Children’s Craniofacial Association as a beneficiary. Through this effort, we will chronicle information about our Legacy donors who care for our future and the wellbeing of our CCA kids.

If you wish to fill out a declaration form and become a Legacy member, please contact us. If you have already set up a bequest in CCA’s name, please allow us to include your intentions in our records, describing your gift of security for the future of Children’s Craniofacial Association.

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Network for Good
New Jersey Manufacturers Insurance Co
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One Body Matrix
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Pike Home and School
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Portugese Fraternal Society of America
Prudential Employee Giving/Matching
Rhodey Path 5 American Legion
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- CBI Bar
- CRCB Construction
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- Combined Federal Campaign
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- Credit Union of Texas
- Dallas Children's Charities / Marganta Society
- Dell (Employee Giving / Matching)
- Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation (Employee Match)
- EMJ Development Principals & Employees
- Epic Health Services, Inc.
- FairLease
- L Hall THB Group
- The June and Cecil McDole Charitable Fund
- KLS Martin LP
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- Praxair Employee Matched Gifts
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CCA Corporate/Foundation Partners
$5,000+
- The Theodore and Beulah Beasley Foundation
- The Chaffin Foundation
- Diamonds In The Rough
- Everguard Insurance
- Human Investments Org
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- W.P. and Bulah Luse Foundation
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$10,000+
- Ansell Healthcare Products
- Stephen and Mary Birch Foundation
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- Wheeler Foundation

Fundraising Events & Other Efforts
Up to $1,000
- Bat Mitzvah & Bat Mitzva Tzedaka Donations / Abraham Joshua Heschel School
- "Be Brody's Angel" Fundraising Effort / CCA Kid, Brody Lucas & Family
- Run Participant to benefit CCA / Nicole Abalde, CCA
- Volunteer Fundraiser
- Joe's Birthday Fundraiser / Joe Brooks
- Booster "ChooseKind" Shirt/Cap Sale / Dede Dankelson
- CCA Mom & Volunteer
- Gigi's Caldwell Cash Collections for CCA / Vienna Caldwell, CCA Kid
- CAM Pin & Keychain Sales / Dorina Watkins, CCA Mom & Volunteer
- Cannister Collection for CCA / Various CCA Families & Friends
- Alea Carter Fundraising Effort / Alea Carter / Nichole Nation
- "Coins for Craniofacial" Funder / Madison Loubis, Volunteer
- Keep Collective Funder for CCA / Jennifer Lang
- "Kate the Great" Fundraising Effort / CCA Kid, Kate McAllister
- American Legion Funder for CCA / Jodi Samhammer
- Jakob Graudons' Birthday Fundraiser / Jakob Graudons Family
- Knightgraph UCF College Funder / portion of proceeds to CCA

From Steven Petryk & Andrew Hamon
- Lemonadette for a cause / Amelia Gerard CCA Volunteer
- Selma's Pizzeria Restaurant Fundraiser / Mecklenburg Family
- Seth's Smoke / Stacy & Barry Horne & CCA Kid, Seth Swihart & Sibs
- Char Smith's Surprise Birthday Fundraiser / Joe Brooks
- Francis Smith Birthday Funder / Francis Smith, PhD
- Meg Stone's Birthday Fundraiser / Meg Stone
- Westside Terrace Denim Day Fundraiser / Daphne Sellers in honor of Lane Rosser

$1,000-$5,000
- Chance Raffle / Retreat Attendee Families
- Paint Nite CAM Fundraiser / Dyson Family annual September fundraiser
- Toney's Birthday Fundraiser / Toney Harrah
- Angela Wolyniak Life Expressions party / Jill Allevato rep
- Alex's Give Back for CCA Kids / Denise Rast, CCA Kid, Alex Rast
- Sydney's Dance for Acceptance / Sydney

$5,000 or more
- are Package (More) GoFundMe for CCA Kids / Petty & Steven Weiss
- Cher's Birthday Surprise fund for Cher to benefit CCA Kids
- Friends of Jeremy "Unevent" Fundraiser / George & Kristine Dale
- Lentle's 3rd Birthday Fundraiser for CCA / Lindsay Conde, Lentle / Team Lentle
- Miles for CCA Kids / Lewis Boykin, DWMC & 2nd Sunday Biker Church / Rob Corecki
- Olivia Rae's 8th Birthday Wish Fundraiser for CCA / Olivia Rae Vargas
- Raeann's Rally / Ashley & Boz Daugherty / CCA Kid, Raeann Daugherty, family & friends
- Annual "Lett's Love" Golf Tournament / Children's Craniofacial Association

$50,000 or more
- All The Way For CCA / Becky White, Lisa Bock, Jennifer Kilmer
- 5th Annual Morgan Meck's Match Play Golf Invitational / Mecklenburg Family

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June 29-July 2 in Reston, Virginia
Please join us for an educational symposium, ice cream social, dinner/dance and much more!
For more information, please contact Annie Reeves,
AReeves@ccakids.com
We hope to see you there!
We are accepting applications for scholarships for this Retreat until December 31, 2016. Register by May 1st to get the early bird price of $100. Registration will increase to $125 starting May 2nd.
CCA would like to send out a special “THANK YOU” to Alexis Bellino and her kids! They recently attended an ice cream social which was put together with the help of CCA Moms, Dorina Watkins and Courtney Vysocky. The Bellinos were able to meet several of our amazing families. Everyone had a wonderful time, and Alexis even brought gifts for the kids. Alexis has also donated sand buckets and beach toys for our 2015 and 2016 retreat! Thank you for your continued support!