Our Story

Like many other people, we had not heard of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (or SMA) until our grandson, Ryan Manfre, was diagnosed at the age of 18 months. As you can imagine, our family was devastated. SMA is a genetic neuromuscular disease with no treatment, and no cure.

Ryan is now 5 years old, and has an infectious personality. If you've met Ryan you know that he loves chatting with everyone he meets, and playing with his younger sister Jenna.

Together with the help of our family and friends, as well as the community of Lemont, Illinois, we are committed to fighting this disease, in honor of Ryan. We believe that no family should have to go through the painful diagnosis of SMA.

Last year we organized our first charity golf outing, and now it's time for round 2. Once again this year, the outing will benefit Families of SMA, the leading non-profit organization dedicated to advancing the necessary research to fight this disease. Again, there is currently **no treatment or cure for SMA**.

We sincerely hope that you will be able to attend or contribute to our event in some way, and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday, May 19, 2012!

Sincerely, Ken and Jeanne Emerson Lemont, Illinois



2nd Annual Tee Off with the Drive to Cure SMA

in Honor of Ryan

Saturday, May 19, 2012



Benefiting: Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy

www.fsma.org/GolfForRyan2012

About SMA

Spinal Muscular Atrophy is the number one genetic killer of children under the age of two. SMA is an inherited and often fatal disease that destroys the nerves controlling voluntary muscle movement, which affects crawling, walking, head and neck control, and even swallowing. Two new-born children are affected each day in the United States, approximately 1 in 6,000 live births. One in every 40 people carries the gene that causes SMA, which means there are more than seven million carriers in the United States alone. Currently there is no treatment or cure.

Families of SMA is an international nonprofit organization founded in 1984 with the mission to find a treatment and cure for SMA. FSMA is made up of more than 65,000 members and supporters and has funded more than \$50 Million in leading research programs since its inception.

Please register today so that the much needed dollars can be used at this time for continuing research to discover a treatment and a cure.



Event Details & Schedule

18 Hole - 4 Person Scramble Shotgun Start

Saturday, May 19, 2012 10:30 am Day-of Registration & Check-in 11:30 am Shotgun Start 5:00 pm Dinner & Silent Auction

Team registration is \$500 Individual Registration is \$125 Dinner-Only Tickets are \$50

All golfer registrations include: 18 Holes of Golf, Cart, Dawg at the Turn, Dinner Ticket, Hole Events, Silent Auction, Raffle, 50/50 Prize and a lot of FUN!

Sponsorship Opportunities

Please ask to see Sponsorship Benefits Flyer for additional information.

Diamond Sponsor: \$5,000

Platinum Sponsor: \$2,000

Gold Sponsor: \$2,0 Silver Sponsor: \$500 Bronze Sponsor: \$250 Hole Sponsor: \$100

To Register

Please fill out and mail the form to the right in order to participate in the event.

Form and payment may be sent to:

Families of SMA - Golf for Ryan 925 Busse Road Elk Grove Village, IL 60007

Register & Donate Online

To register your foursome, purchase dinner tickets, or make a donation online, please visit: www.fsma.org/GolfForRyan2012

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