April 2016 Newsletter

CONNECT
We have a new Facebook page dedicated to our pediatric stroke group. Please check it out! We will work to update this page with any new information in the stroke field. Search for Colorado Pediatric Stroke.

Our Webpage: www.pedsstrokesupport.ucdenver.edu
Our Clinic’s Facebook page: University of Colorado Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center

5K to Support Stroke Survivors
The Comeback Trail 5k benefiting the National Stroke Association represents the physical, mental, and spiritual journey of recovery for the stroke community. Please register and join us May 1st at the Hudson Gardens & Event Center in Littleton.

https://donate.stroke.org/littleton/events/2016-comeback-trail-denver-co/e67279

Did you know?
A patient’s dad wrote a book about their experience with pediatric stroke.
Through a Dad’s Eyes by Tommy Jones

Scholarships and Financial Assistance
1) Remember to check out the resources at CHASA http://chasa.org/. They offer financial assistance to families who have a child with a medical need for a foot or hand brace that is not covered or not fully covered by their health benefit plans. As funding permits, CHASA also awards scholarships to young athletes who have had hemiplegia since childhood that are competing in an athletic event.

2) CHASA http://chasa.org/ also offers scholarships to pediatric stroke, hemiplegia, or hemiparesis patients attending college or vocational school. Applications are due August 31st.

3) The Professional Miracles Foundation is a local agency that seeks to help sick or disabled children and their families. They offer grants up to $2000. http://www.professionalsmiraclesfoundation.com/
Patient Highlights

**Sam Pfeifer** had a perinatal stroke and is now 16 years old. He has been chosen to be a Children’s Hospital Ambassador for the year! Check out his bio:

**Braden Everly** had a stroke at the age of 12 and is now 25 years old. He was chosen to be the Honored Survivor at this year’s American Heart Association Heart Ball where money was raised for heart and stroke research. Check out the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=W9OYHECLZ0E

Braden is an inspiration to many and has worked hard to start his own apparel line with his girlfriend. Check it out here and help support their “Live Limitless” mission! http://www.zaqavi.com/

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**Teen Gathering/Retreat?**
We’re working on a get-together early June. Email me if you are interested!! Do you want to rock-climb, bowl, do a ropes course, ????

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**Strike out Stroke**
SOS is scheduled for June 26th! We will be in touch for ticket purchases and will plan to meet before the game for appetizers.

Next meeting TBD. We are working on getting a guest speaker to discuss Medicaid and hope to have another acupuncture speaker sometime this year. Ideas for speakers? Let us know!