



**Sunday May 17, 2015**

**67th Street at McCollum Park, Downers Grove, IL**

**8:00am Kids Run Start      8:30am 5k Run Start**

**To Register: [www.SignMeUp.com/105583](http://www.SignMeUp.com/105583)**

**All participants receive a cupcake at the finish line!  
Participants also receive a t-shirt and goodie bag.**

**\*\*NEW\*\* Kids One-Mile Run: \$15.00**

**5k, Runners: \$30.00 (through 5/16) Walkers: \$25.00 (through 5/16)**

**Race Day \$35.00 All (Registration Opens at 7:00 AM)**

**Runners are officially timed. Walkers will not be timed.**

**[\\*All Proceeds Benefit Noah's Hope. Visit NoahsHope.com\\*](http://NoahsHope.com)**



Noah, 2010



Laine, 2010

### ***We Need Your Help***

Noah & Laine started out their first few years of life like all the other kids, however, our ten-year-old son Noah and nine-year-old daughter Laine are living with LINCL-Batten disease, a rare genetic illness (both parents have to carry a mutated gene) that has ruthlessly robbed them of their speech, balance, and mobility over the last 6 years. At this time, LINCL-Batten disease is always terminal, usually between the ages of 8 and 12.

### ***Forging Our Path***

Fewer than 450 children in the United States have LINCL-Batten disease, so it receives very little research attention. Because it is rare, little money is provided to LINCL-Batten disease research and only a handful of scientists around the world are focused on potential therapies. We are forging our own path. Since Noah was diagnosed we have raised funds for research, collaborated to fund eight research studies around the world, testified before the NIH and FDA, sponsored a NIH Batten research conference and lobbied Congress. One research project started in clinical trial in the USA in December, 2014 and the preliminary results are encouraging. We have written, spoken, and listened to tens of thousands of people. But it is not enough. We need your help to continue our efforts.

### ***The Light in Their Eyes***

We still have many dreams for our children, but they are not what we originally planned. We dream of happy memories together, we dream of a delay in Noah and Laine's symptoms. We are working tirelessly to explore potential treatments and to raise funds and awareness about this little-known, devastating disease. Although they can longer walk, talk, see or eat by mouth, Noah & Laine still light up when they hear their sister. It is Noah's Hope and ours, that together we can find an answer that will reduce the affects of this disease in Noah, Laine and the other children who are courageously fighting Batten disease around the world.

### ***Become Part of Noah's Hope***

We created the **Noah's Hope Foundation** to support research, raise funds and inform the community before we knew that Laine would also fight this terrible disease. Now we pour ourselves into Noah's Hope for the benefit of both Noah and Laine and other children on the same path. Visit [www.NoahsHope.com](http://www.NoahsHope.com) for event information and the initiatives made in the last six years that will make a difference for a LINCL-Batten disease. Please become part of Noah's Hope and encourage others to get involved. We believe that a treatment will soon be available, and we will absolutely fight until it is. **Together we can make a difference.**

### ***Initiatives***

With the generous support of people in our community and around the world, Noah's Hope is making progress in the fight against LINCL-Batten disease. Find a listing of the initiatives that Noah's Hope has undertaken at [www.NoahsHope.com](http://www.NoahsHope.com).

**Please help us as we fight for a cure for Batten disease, which first takes away childhood...and then takes away our children.**

Thank you for all of your Support,

***Tracy, Jen, Noah, Laine & Emily VanHoutan***



VanHoutan Family, 2014



***Group: Noah's Hope - Every Childhood Disease Deserves a Cure!***

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