



Tommy Kane's World Run Day Benefit on behalf of Kidneeds

Hello Friends,

I am reaching out to you to request your help. In March 2007, my nephew, Tommy Kane, was diagnosed with a devastating disease known as Dense Deposit Disease (DDD) or MPGN Type II. DDD / MPGN Type II is an extremely rare kidney disease that is primarily diagnosed in children ages 5-15 years. Approximately half of all children with DDD/MPGN II will go into kidney failure between 8-10 years after diagnosis. These children will require dialysis or transplantation in order to stay alive. The disease is considered to be an autoimmune disease, and it recurs in half of the transplanted kidneys. There is extremely limited funding to research for a cure.

The World Run Day event takes place on **November 9, 2008**. **World Run Day** enables participants to raise funds for a charity of their choice. I am planning to run on **World Run Day** on behalf of **Kidneeds**. **Kidneeds** is a not-for-profit organization that stimulates medical research on **DDD/MPGN II** by funding grants to researchers studying the disease. **Kidneeds** connects researchers worldwide to share information and focus on finding a cure for DDD/MPGN II. *100% of all donations will go directly to finding a cure.*

Please help me to raise funds to find a cure for my nephew. Donations are very much appreciated. Checks can be made payable to **Kidneeds, Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation**. Please mail the checks to **Karen Williams, 45 Inverness Road, Holbrook, NY 11741**. You can also donate online: <http://www.active.com/donate/kidneeds>. The funds, along with a full accounting of donations will be mailed to **Kidneeds, Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation** within a week of the run.

I thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions please feel free to call me at 631-868-0786 or email me at kanecomp@optonline.net.

Sincerely,

Karen (Kane) Williams

PS - Please visit the Kidneeds website at: <http://www.medicine.uiowa.edu/kidneeds/index.htm>
Or the World Run Day website at www.runday.com