

What is Batten Disease?

Batten disease is a rare degenerative brain disease that affects children. Children are born normal and reach most developmental goals. BUT... when the disorder manifests itself, the children soon become blind, suffer many different types of seizures which often become extremely hard to control. They will begin to suffer cognitive decline, beginning with the loss of short term memory. Many will suffer drastic personality changes, sometimes bordering on psychotic behavior. Mobility is affected beginning with stumbling and ending with the child being in a wheelchair.

One of the most difficult stages of the disease occurs when the child loses his/her speech. When that is gone, it becomes a guessing game as to the child's needs, pain, etc. This is followed by the loss of the abilities to eat and drink. Children will soon be fed through a tube inserted through the abdominal wall.

The disease causes death of brain cells. Death for the child happens when the brain can no longer sustain life.

Batten disease was first identified 180 years ago. However, it has only been in the past ten years that progress has been made. Today there is a treatment trial underway and we are hoping for two more trials to start next year.

**SATURDAY
MAY 9, 2009**
Bachman Lake
3500 West NW Hwy.
Dallas, Texas 75220
(west of Lemmon Avenue)
Race Day Registration - 8:00 A.M.
5K Run - 9:00 A.M.
CERTIFIED and SANCTIONED by USATF

2 Mile Walk - 9:05 A.M.
1K Fun Run - 10:00 A.M.
1st Overall, Male and Female
1st Masters, Male and Female
1st, 2nd and 3rd in age category
Customized trophies by www.khsculpture.com
Race Website: <http://www.bdsra.leapserve.com>

All profits from this event will be designated for research into finding a cure for this terrible disease.



"A Light in a World of Darkness..."

BATTEN DISEASE SUPPORT AND RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (BDSRA) is a non-profit organization in accordance with Section 501(c)(3) of the code.

Hope for Batten Cure 5K Run/2 Mile Walk/1K Fun Run Registration Form

- Yes, I want to participate in the 5K Run. Enclosed is my \$25 pre-registration fee. (Race Day fee is \$30.)
- Yes, I want to participate in the 2 Mile Walk. Enclosed is my \$20 pre-registration fee. (Race Day fee is \$25.)
- Yes, I want to participate in the 1K Fun Run. Enclosed is my \$10 pre-registration fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail _____

Gender: M F Age: _____ Race # _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: Adult: S M L XL
Child: S M

I cannot attend, but wish to donate \$ _____.

Mail to: Nancy Lowden
12116 Cross Creek Dr.
Dallas, TX 75243

WAIVER: I hereby waive all claims against the USATF, BDSRA, and the City of Dallas Park Dept. and race personnel for any injury or accident I might suffer in this event. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I grant full permission to organizers to use photographs of me and quotes from me in legitimate accounts and promotion of this event.

Signature: _____

Participant or Parent/Guardian

All checks should be made payable to:
BDSRA

Online Registration Available at
www.runontexas.com