

## 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. Scientists have identified the specific genes for several types of Batten disease and this has led to the development of DNA diagnostics, carrier and prenatal tests. Additionally, there is hope on the horizon for treatment through gene replacement and stem cell transplant therapies. Currently, we are raising money to prepare for clinical trials that could lead to a cure for our children.

**SATURDAY  
MAY 15, 2010  
Bachman Lake  
3500 West NW Hwy.  
Dallas, Texas 75220  
Race Day Registration - 8:00  
A.M.**

**5K Run - 9:00 A.M.  
CERTIFIED by USATF  
2 Mile Walk - 9:05 A.M.  
1K Fun Run - 10:00 A.M.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Overall, Male and Female  
1<sup>st</sup> Masters, Male and Female  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in age category**  
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**All profits from this event will be  
designated for research into finding a  
cure for this terrible disease.**



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**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** 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](http://www.runontexas.com)**

For more information about  
Batten Disease contact  
the national organization at:  
**BDSRA**  
166 Humphries Drive  
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068  
Phone: 1-800-448-4570  
Web site: [www.bdsra.org](http://www.bdsra.org)



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**Thank You to Our  
Sponsors as of March:**

**Silver Sponsorship (\$1,500)**  
Scott and Carol Lowden  
SAP (matching program)  
**Bronze Sponsorship (\$500)**  
Ron and Kathy Saunders  
**Friend (\$250)**  
Linda Dixon

**Special Thanks to  
Chris Barton for  
His Fundraising Event  
at the New York Marathon!**

**Registration & Packet Pickup Sites**  
**Wednesday & Thursday, May 12 & 13**  
10:00 am to 7:00 pm  
Run-On  
5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, #114  
Dallas 75206

**Friday, May 14, 11:00 am to 6:00 pm**  
Lake Highlands YMCA  
8920 Stults Road  
Dallas 75243

**Race Day** Registration 8:00 am

The 5K Race will be run on the mostly flat  
trail which circles Bachman Lake.

For more information on this event  
contact Nancy Lowden by phone at  
972-497-9705 or e-mail at  
[nslowden@swbell.net](mailto:nslowden@swbell.net)

**Race Website:**  
[www.bdsra.leapservice.com](http://www.bdsra.leapservice.com)

Jessica Griffith will sell Cookie Lee  
Jewelry at the event and will donate all  
profits from her sales to BDSRA

*The picture used on this flyer  
was designed by Carol Lowden.  
Hope Lowden colored the picture.*

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In Honor of  
McKenna and Eric Lowden



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