

What is Batten Disease?

Batten disease is a rare degenerative brain disease that affects children. It is always fatal. Children are born normal and reach most developmental goals. When the disorder first manifests itself, the children become blind and suffer different types of seizures which can be hard to control. They begin to suffer cognitive decline, beginning with the loss of short term memory. Many will suffer personality changes that can border 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. Eventually they will 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 14, 2011
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.**

**1st Overall, Male and Female
1st Masters, Male and Female
1st, 2nd and 3rd in age category**
Customized awards by www.khsculpture.com

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



**BATTEN
DISEASE**
SUPPORT & RESEARCH
ASSOCIATION
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** registration fee.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

E-mail _____

Gender: M F Age: ____ DOB ____ / ____ / ____

T-SHIRT SIZE: Adult: S M L XL XXL
Child: XS 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 organizers, sponsors, or 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**

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

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of the winning team
Team Goldilocks.

Race Website:

www.bdsra.leapserve.com

Registration & Packet Pickup Sites

Wednesday & Thursday, May 11 & 12

10:00 am to 7:00 pm

Run-On

5400 E. Mockingbird Lane, #114
Dallas 75206

Friday, May 13, 11:00 am to 5:00 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.

Noah Coughlan will be running across the
United States from California
to Florida starting February 28, 2011 to raise
awareness and money for Batten Disease.

From the race organizers:

Go Noah! And thanks!

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

Picture on front
Courtesy of Zizi and Zed Caffey

For more information on this event
contact Nancy Lowden by phone at
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