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About MLD

(Metachromatic Leukodystrophy)

Leukodystrophy is an inherited, progressive disorder of the central nervous system and the peripheral nervous system. Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD) is a disease in which fatty substances build up in the white matter part of the brain and spinal cord, affecting mental development and the ability to move in a coordinated way. It usually leads to progressive paralysis, and early death in children.

Scientists have traced the development of MLD to a defect in the gene that tells the body how to make an enzyme called Arylsulfatase A (ASA). This enzyme is responsible for breaking down sulfatide into smaller, harmless chemicals that can be eliminated or reused by the body.

The lack of proper ASA enzyme leads to a buildup of sulfatide which in turns causes the systems of MLD by affecting communication between nerves in the brain.



Bethanys Hope Foundation is committed to:

Conducting research into the cause, control and cure of Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD).

Public education and publication about MLD.

Continue to give hope to children and their families who suffer with the devastation of Leukodystrophy.



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In July 1996, with the direction, guidance and compassion of many caring individuals, Lindey and David McIntyre established the Bethanys Hope Foundation with the purpose of developing fundraising mechanisms that could help support imperative research.

It was soon realized that a Canadian driven initiative would be required to ensure a seamless transition of fundraising dollars from our Foundation to a team of researchers. Under the direction of Dr. Tony Rugar, in conjunction with Western University, the Bethanys Hope Leukodystrophy Research Laboratory was established in November 1999 in London, Ontario, Canada.

We are proud of the medical breakthroughs that are being made in this world class laboratory, including the perspective of clinical trials for an MLD treatment in the near future.

Our Foundation has fought tirelessly to ensure that the faces and names of those suffering from the devastation of MLD are not forgotten, but instead given a voice of hope and dignity.

To date, the Bethanys Hope Foundation, with the help of our dedicated partners and numerous volunteers, have raised over \$4 Million for research, public education and family support. It is a continued battle to ensure that rare diseases such as MLD are not forgotten or dismissed, but instead brought to the forefront.

However, this is not a battle that we can win without your support! With an ambitious goal of completely funding clinical trials, which will be in full operation very soon, it is a race against the clock to raise the essential funds needed to ensure our tremendous progress continues. The Bethanys Hope Foundation is at a cross roads, with almost two-decades of extensive cutting edge research complete, now is the time to take the next monumental step. You can be a part of this exciting initiative and;

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Please consider one of our monthly - or one-time - giving options; your generous support will help ensure the remarkable medical breakthroughs being made at the Bethanys Hope Leukodystrophy Research Laboratory continue. A CURE is finally within reach, let's put this effort over the finish line and declare victory against MLD.

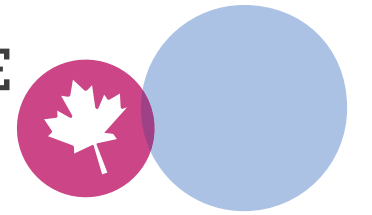
Help us continue to give real HOPE to those battling with the devastation of MLD!



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