

About Reaching for the Stars

A Foundation of Hope for Children with Cerebral Palsy.

Launched in late 2005 by two mothers in Atlanta, Georgia, "Reaching for the Stars. A Foundation of Hope for Children with Cerebral Palsy" (RFTS, Inc.) has grown into the leading pediatric Cerebral Palsy nonprofit 501c3 foundation in the world led by parents. Our membership is made up of parents, individuals with Cerebral Palsy, and leading clinicians-scientists in a variety of disciplines. We are focused on the Prevention, Treatment and Cure of Cerebral Palsy. We serve the needs of children with Cerebral Palsy, their families, and the care givers involved in their care.

Imagine a world where scientific research discovers how to prevent Cerebral Palsy, and identifies new treatments and eventually a cure for the most common motor disability in children. Your voice and your support will directly affect how quickly scientists make progress towards this goal.

Please help us accelerate efforts to find new Cerebral Palsy treatments and a cure by making a financial contribution. Reaching for the Stars is a 501(c)(3) public charity which means contributions are 100% tax deductible and support research, awareness, education and advocacy initiatives. As a volunteer organization, 95 cents of every dollar donated, goes directly to research, education and advocacy programs improving children's lives impacted by Cerebral Palsy.

To learn more about us and to get involved, please visit our website www.reachingforthestars.org and connect with us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/reach4stars.



RFTS Accomplishments:

- Establishment of March 25th as Cerebral Palsy Awareness Day in the United States.
- Official external partners of the Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Cerebral Palsy and Developmental Medicine (AAPDM).
- Clinical trial recruitment for major Cerebral Palsy clinical trials around the U.S.
- Support for research initiatives: neuroplasticity and brain recovery, stem cells, advanced brain imaging, robotics and medical devices.
- Member of NeuroNext Network and AHRQ for Cerebral Palsy research collaboration.
- Launch of the CP Kids Coalition - the only CP children's group of its kind for kids 6 - 18.

About Cerebral Palsy

The way Cerebral Palsy manifests itself varies from child to child and affects a wide range of individuals and families. We encourage you to visit our website and invite you to sign up for our RFTS "eLerts" so you can receive the latest information about clinical trials, newest research, parent conferences and much more via email. www.reachingforthestars.org is your "go to" source for pediatric cerebral palsy information, parent conferences and other important resources.

RFTS Key Initiatives

Parent Education & Information
Research Support
National Advocacy

Our Mission

“Reaching for the Stars. A Foundation of Hope for Children with Cerebral Palsy” is the only global nonprofit 501c3 pediatric cerebral palsy foundation led by parents. We have a growing presence throughout the U.S., Canada, Asia and Australia. We actively partner with leading clinicians, scientists and professional organizations around the world. Our mission is to foster critical Cerebral Palsy research with the goal of uncovering the root causes in order to expedite the development of effective treatments and eventually a cure for children with Cerebral Palsy.

Please visit www.reachingforthestars.org for more information and resources.

Did You Know?

- Cerebral Palsy is the most common motor disability in children affecting over 17,000,000 people worldwide.
- It is estimated that 1 in 303 children, are impacted by Cerebral Palsy. The prevalence of Cerebral Palsy is not decreasing in the U.S. – despite advances in neonatal and obstetrical care.
- There is no dedicated U.S. line item federal funding for Cerebral Palsy research, even though Cerebral Palsy has higher prevalence than muscular dystrophy, Parkinson’s disease, childhood cancer, hearing loss, spina bifida, hemophilia, fetal alcohol syndrome, or cystic fibrosis.
- Major risk factors for Cerebral Palsy include prematurity, low birth rate and maternal infection. The cause is still unknown in 80% of cases.
- Cerebral Palsy is an injury to the developing brain before, during or shortly after birth

Now That You Know ... What Will You Do?

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