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Rare Disease Nonprofit Reaches \$1 Million Fundraising Milestone to Fund Translational Research

Funds raised through the L-CMD Research Foundation go toward the development of treatments, and ultimately a cure, for rare and fatal childhood muscular dystrophy

HOUSTON – (July 8, 2021) – L-CMD Research Foundation, a new nonprofit formed in 2020 to urgently translate scientific research into treatments for LMNA-related congenital muscular dystrophy (L-CMD), has raised \$1,000,000 towards its \$2,000,000 fundraising goal. The Houston-based nonprofit was created by the Corman family, Mark Corman and Hannah Lowe, after their younger son, Austin, was diagnosed with L-CMD when he was five months old.

L-CMD is a severe form of muscular dystrophy characterized by progressive muscle weakness, heart arrhythmia and “dropped head;” it is thought to affect approximately 200 children worldwide. Knowing that Austin’s condition would progressively worsen, leading to death, and that there are currently no treatments nor cures, the family launched a nonprofit to raise awareness and funds to work on L-CMD.

Making strides in research and potential treatments

In collaboration with national and international academic researchers and biotech companies, the Foundation has launched a number of research projects to date, aimed at discovering potential therapies for L-CMD. All funds raised will go directly towards research, and in particular, the Foundation is working with the Sena-Estevés Lab at UMass Medical and the Pérez de Castro Lab at Instituto de Salud Carlos III in Madrid, Spain, to develop a gene therapy treatment for L-CMD as quickly as possible.

“We know there are no guarantees, but we know we must try to do what we can to learn as much as possible and provide hope for our families, and others. If not for Austin, then for the children who will come after him,” said Hannah Lowe, Austin’s mom, and president/co-founder of the L-CMD Research Foundation. “We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported our efforts to reach this significant milestone and help us get to our \$2 million fundraising goal. The generosity and support of friends, family, and many who don’t even know us has moved us tremendously, and we’re so appreciative.”

Continuing towards its fundraising goal

In less than five months, the Foundation has reached the halfway mark of its

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fundraising goal. Its current fundraising campaign, “2 Before 2,” was launched on Feb. 14, 2021, the one-year anniversary of Austin’s diagnosis with L-CMD, and its aim is to reach the \$2 million mark by Austin’s second birthday on Aug. 27, 2021.

As part of their efforts with support of friends, family and others, several other fundraising events are underway, including a golf outing in Harrisburg, PA on Aug. 13, 2021.

To learn more about the Foundation and its research, visit www.lcmdresearch.org, or to make a 100% tax-deductible donation, click [here](#).

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