



Mission Statement

The mission of Coalition Duchenne is to raise global awareness for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, to fund research and to find a cure for Duchenne.

Our Vision

Our vision is to change the outcome for boys and young men with Duchenne; to rapidly move forward to a new reality of longer, fulfilled lives, by funding the best opportunities for research and creating awareness.

Who We Are

Coalition Duchenne is a non-profit organization that raises global awareness and funding for Duchenne muscular dystrophy through donations and annual fundraising events.

Our commitment is that one hundred percent of all money raised by Coalition Duchenne goes directly to fund research. We are opportunistic but rigorous in our pursuit of research strategies. We operate with strong business principles and utilize the latest technology and software to leverage our efforts and maximize our efficiency.

Our scientific advisors are world leaders in their fields. We have helped in the early stage development of some of the key research that is now paying dividends for sufferers of Duchenne. Our funding of the Dusty Brandom Fellowship at the University of Western Australia led to groundbreaking exon skipping research. We were one of the first investors in small molecule screening. Duchenne research is advancing rapidly. We are currently pioneering funding of poloxamers and cardiac stem cells for Duchenne hearts.

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Founder & Executive Director

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When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for but it helps us also to develop inner peace and happiness.



~Dalai Lama

Please Donate

We need your help to meet our research and funding goals.

We work closely with our scientific advisors and apply our unique experience of living with Duchenne

for over 15 years to select the most promising research initiatives.

We have raised over one million dollars to date. We have relationships with the leading scientists and doctors. We have seen failures and successes and learned from both. We have been prepared to try innovative treatments but evaluate them objectively and rigorously. One hundred percent of money donated to Coalition Duchenne will be directed to the best research opportunities. We engage biotech companies and institutions as well as research and clinical trial centers that are working on treatments and that will soon find a cure.

Coalition Duchenne is committed to making a difference in the lives of all boys and young men with Duchenne. Our son Dusty is one of them.

Please help us continue to make a difference. Also, contact us for further information regarding fundraising and corporate sponsorship opportunities.

With sincere gratitude.

To donate, please visit our website www.CoalitionDuchenne.org
To make a donation by mail, please send checks to:

COALITION DUCHENNE
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COALITION DUCHENNETM
Raising Global Awareness for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy



*Now is the time
for humanity to come together*

What is Duchenne?

Duchenne is a fatal, progressive muscle wasting condition that affects one in 3,500 boys worldwide.

Duchenne robs boys of their ability to walk, breathe, eat and speak, and eventually takes their lives, often before they reach age 20. It leaves their minds unaffected.

Our Call To Action

One afternoon my son Dusty and I were talking about how cool it would be to finally find a cure for Duchenne, so that boys like him could live longer lives.

We reflected on the last few years and realized that what we needed most was global awareness and money for research. We talked about how the world comes together for the victims of earthquakes, floods and tsunamis, and supports various environmental causes, our oceans and rainforests.

We decided that moving forward, we are stronger if we all come together as humans, as a force, as a coalition, bringing together not just the world's Duchenne organizations, but everyone. We need to focus on changing the course, taking our quest to another level.



The impact of Duchenne is felt across the globe, from the USA to Asia, Australia, Europe, India, South American and Africa. Duchenne knows no boundaries, and does not discriminate between race, culture, socioeconomic status or country. Coalition Duchenne is committed to making a difference in the lives of all boys and young men with Duchenne.

Expedition Mt. Kinabalu

Summit of Borneo

Every year Coalition Duchenne draws climbers to Borneo for an annual event to raise global awareness and funding for Duchenne.



An international team climbs South-East Asia's Mt Kinabalu, on the island of Borneo, in the Malaysian state of Sabah. We climb for ALL the brave and courageous boys and men around the world who face far greater challenges than any mountain peak and to honor those boys and men who have lost their lives to Duchenne.

At the summit of 13,455 ft, we proudly raise the Coalition Duchenne banner. The world needs to know about Duchenne.

Help us conquer Duchenne by conquering Mt Kinabalu.

Join Us!

More about Duchenne

Duchenne is caused by a defect in the gene that codes for the protein dystrophin. Dystrophin is a vital protein that helps connect the muscle fiber to the cell membranes. Without dystrophin the muscle cells become unstable, are weakened and lose their functionality.

Some of the early symptoms of Duchenne are difficulty in walking, running and climbing. By the age of 6 -7 boys start to fall often and fatigue quickly. Their calf muscles appear large because they become fibrotic.

By the age of 10-12, most boys are in a wheelchair. During the mid teens, boys may need help with eating. It is during this time that their back muscles become too weak to support their spine which results in scoliosis.

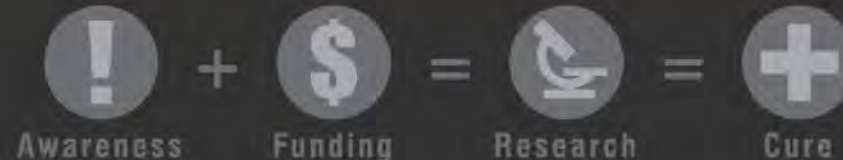
During the late teens, respiratory weakness occurs in the diaphragm, as muscles that operate the lungs get weaker. Boys often require breathing assistance and respiratory infections become life threatening. The heart is also involved, and most boys develop an early onset of cardiomyopathy.

Life expectancy varies and rate of progression and severity is different for each boy. Life expectancy ranges from the mid teenage years to the mid 20's.

There is no cure, although, in the last 10 years there have been major advances in science and in standards of care. With informed and timely treatment, some boys with Duchenne are living longer lives than ever before.



Please help us save our sons



We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now.

~Martin Luther King Jr.