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Dear Friend,

I am writing to ask you to help save the life of our five-year-old son, Ryan, and the one in 3,500 other young boys who have been diagnosed with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD), a disease that essentially promises to end their lives before they graduate from high school.

DMD is a cruel, progressive muscle-wasting disorder that is the most severe and most common childhood form of muscular dystrophy. At first, the child appears to be healthy and normal. But, slowly and painfully, DMD begins deteriorating muscles, until walking and running become things of the past. Respiratory and/or cardiac complications typically take the lives of these boys when they are only in their teens.

The good news is that there are now breakthroughs almost daily, pointing to potential DMD treatments and cures. This is in stark contrast to the minimal advances that were being made only two years ago. "A cure is not only on the horizon, it's right in front of us," says a leading scientist. Research in the areas of new or existing pharmaceutical agents and promising gene replacement therapy is truly exciting.

But, time is of the essence. We are in a race to the finish line to keep our promise to Ryan that he will have a future to look forward to. An all-volunteer non-profit organization, the Ryan's Hope Foundation devotes all of its resources to advancing DMD research. **With the potential of a cure now so close, we sincerely hope we can count on your help.** We cannot fight this battle alone. We need support of caring and concerned people like you to make our dream of a cure a reality.

The 4th Annual Ryan's Hope Dinner/Comedy Night will be held on Feb. 10, 2007 at the Logan Airport Hilton. We expect over 400 people to join us for an evening of dinner, dancing, comedy and auction bidding. **We invite you to participate by donating goods or services for our live and silent auctions or raffles, or by making a cash donation to help purchase silent auction items.** *Your generosity will be acknowledged in all printed materials, on our web site, and at the event itself.*

Details about how you can help are attached. **We hope to receive all donations by January 10, 2007.** We would be happy to arrange pick up of items, as well. Please remember that the Ryan's Hope Foundation is a 501(c)3 organization, and all donations are tax deductible.

We thank you in advance for your support and for believing, as we do, that we can and will make a difference.

Warmest Regards,

Linda Hastings
President

EIN #03-0530863

4th Annual



Dinner/Comedy Night & Silent Auction

Saturday, February 10, 2007

- YES, I want to help!
- I would like to donate goods or services for the silent auction or raffle.

ITEM: _____

Estimated Cash Value: _____

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- My donation is enclosed.
- Please call me for pick up of item(s). I can be reached at: _____

- I would like to help you find a cure for DMD in children with my tax-deductible contribution in the amount of \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to The Ryan's Hope Foundation

Name: _____

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone with area code: _____

Email address: _____

Please mail to: Ryan's Hope Foundation, c/o J. Zilioli,
181 East Street, Upton, MA 01568

For additional information, please call Linda or Scott Hastings at
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!