

2010 Kammy's Kause

Dear Sir or Madam:

My name is Jared Hiner and I am the father of Kamdyn "Kammy" Hiner, resident of Fortville, IN. I would like to first thank you for your time and consideration while reading the following letter about Kammy's Kause. Kammy's Kause is a music festival started in 2004 to raise funds and awareness for the 4p- Support Group. To date, Kammy's Kause has raised over \$30,000 which has been donated directly to the 4p- Support Group.

After researching the 4p- Support Group, I recognized an enormous need for funding. The annual income for the 4p- Support Group was around \$800 when I first joined. Shortly after learning this, I organized the first Kammy's Kause in 2004, which raised over a \$1,000 for the 4p- Support Group. What started as an afternoon event with 5 local bands, 50 attendees, and my parents selling candy bars and sodas has progressed into a 2- day music festival with 13 regional bands, thousands of attendees, merchandise tent, silent auction, food vendors, and sponsors throughout the midwest. It never ceases to amaze me how the bands, volunteers, and families continue to support this event year after year.

4p-, also known as Wolf-Hirschhorn Syndrome (WHS), is a rare chromosome disorder which causes mild to severe mental and physical handicaps, organ failure, oral defensiveness, and developmental delays. Early intervention such as physical, occupational, and speech therapy have proven to be vital in the development of children with 4p-. There have been 600+ cases reported since its discovery in the 1960's with 150+ cases known in the United States, four of which are known in Indiana. The chance of a child being born with this disorder is 1 in 50,000. With so few 4p- children and the lack of funding, new research and information is limited.

To date Kammy's Kause is the largest fundraiser for the 4p- Support Group. In 2008 money raised from Kammy's Kause was solely responsible for bringing specialists and doctors from five different countries to our bi-annual national conference in Washington DC. This was the first time any of these doctors have been together at the same place to share information from their own research! In the past Kammy's Kause has helped several families attend the biannual 4p- National Conference, which is held in different locations across the United States. At these conferences we are able to meet up to 60 other families, have one-on-one consultations with the nation's leading 4p- specialists, attend seminars, and receive the support that we families desperately need. In 2012 Indianapolis will host the 4p- National Conference for the first time in our state's history. It is imperative that we continue to have support from our community so we can consistently make great things happen at our national conference and keep improving the lives of those with 4p-.

There is something unexplainable that happens within us when we reach out and help someone whose needs are greater than our own; this is the heartbeat of Kammy's Kause. Our lives are like ponds and our actions are the rocks that we toss into those ponds - rocks that create ripples which are felt and appreciated by people in places we never believed we could reach. Kammy's Kause is creating and restoring hope in lives across the country in ways we never could have imagined.

Be a part of creating a ripple and support the only fundraiser of its kind in the United States, Kammy's Kause.

Sincerely,

Jared Hiner
Father, Founder & President

For more information on 4p-, the 4p- Support Group, and Kammy's Kause please visit the following websites:
www.kammyskause.org www.4p-supportgroup.org www.facebook.com/kammyskause