



the jacob isaac rappoport FOUNDATION

*fighting spinal muscular atrophy
in memory of our shooting star*

Dear Friend,

Please help us by contributing an item to our silent auction for the seventh annual *Jacob's Run, Walk & Roll to Cure Spinal Muscular Atrophy*. The event (which includes a fun run/walk with food, prizes and entertainment) will be held on March 21st, 2010, at South County Regional Park in Boca Raton. It has exceeded our expectations and grown each year. Last year the event raised an incredible \$105,000; had well over 600 participants; more than 100 volunteers and entertainers; over 75 corporate sponsors and donations from countless businesses- both local and from around the country. As a direct result of our event's success, the Foundation has been an integral part of the progress toward finding a cure.

Spinal Muscular Atrophy

Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) is a debilitating, genetic neuromuscular disease and is the leading genetic killer of children under the age of two. SMA destroys the nerves controlling voluntary muscle movement, which affects crawling, walking, head and neck control, and even swallowing. One in every 6,000 babies is born with the disease and one-half of children diagnosed with the most severe form will not reach their second birthday. SMA can strike anyone of any race or gender. One in every 40 people (7.5 million Americans) carries the gene that causes SMA. There is no known cure or treatment.

Jacob Isaac Rappoport

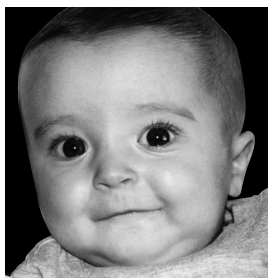
Our son, Jacob Isaac Rappoport, was born on December 27, 2001. He was sent home from the hospital with a clean bill of health- a perfect, happy baby boy. At the age of four months, Jacob was diagnosed with SMA and our world came crashing down around us. Jacob was never able to roll over, sit up or crawl. By the age of six months, he had lost the ability to swallow. On October 1, 2002, Jacob's respiratory muscles had grown too weak to sustain him, and he died. He was nine months old. He was showered with immeasurable love by his family and friends every day of his short life. We miss him more than words can possibly express.

The Jacob Isaac Rappoport Foundation

After Jacob's death, we knew that we could not stand by and watch other babies die the same way Jacob did. We founded The Jacob Isaac Rappoport Foundation, which funds SMA research and administers programs that support affected families. In seven years, we have raised over \$665,000; sent dinner, cleaning services or packages of toys to more than 100 SMA families; provided hundreds of scholarships to SMA conferences; hosted luncheons for affected families; and have spent countless hours lending emotional support to parents of newly diagnosed babies.

This past summer, the Foundation was a sponsor at the Families of SMA (FSMA) Annual Conference in Cincinnati. FSMA celebrated its 25 year anniversary, and in honor of this milestone, the Rappoport Family was recognized as one of 25 families who have made a difference in the SMA





community. Because of our generous supporters, the Foundation was able to present FSMA with a check for \$100,000. The money was allocated to further fund clinical trials, support stem cell research and fund the toy package program for newly diagnosed Type 1 babies.

We Need You!

Your support is critical now more than ever. Everyday, our family wonders what could have been, had Jacob survived. And everyday, there are thousands of families with children who wonder when a cure will come for them. We have come so far already, and we know that one day, we will have the answer they so desperately need. With your help, we will find a cure. Please join us in this most important crusade.

Thank you very much for your support,

Shaina + Adi Rappoport

Shaina and Adi Rappoport
& The Jacob Isaac Rappoport Foundation

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Jacob’s Run, Walk & Roll to Cure SMA Silent Auction Donation Form

Please provide information as you would like it to appear in all publications:

Name of the Item: _____

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For more information regarding Jacob’s Run, Walk & Roll to Cure SMA or the Silent Auction, please contact Shaina Rappoport at (561) 577-2326 or by email at shaina@ourshootingstar.com.

Thank You for Your Generosity!

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