

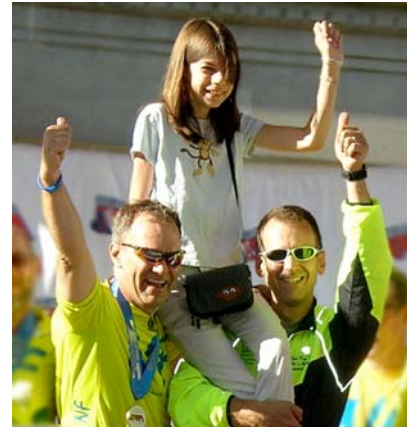
Ari's Angels join the Race Across America. . . again!

Hi Friends,

I hope this letter finds you all happy and healthy. Well, we're at it again -- Ari's Angel's Team, our four-man relay team, will compete again in Race Across America, trekking from Oceanside, Calif. to Annapolis, Md. I am excited because this year my brother Dan has joined the team. His son, Dan Jr., will also be on our support crew. We will be riding for three NF heroes, my daughter, Arianna Kendra; crew member Katie Oslica; and Aidan McCarthy, the daughter of crew member Florence McCarthy.

The race starts on June 20, 2009 at 2:00 p.m. (PST). Keep track of our progress on our blog at <http://nfendurance.blogspot.com>. We will post updates, pictures and hopefully a few video clips.

Since her fusion in 2006, Arianna is doing well both physically and academically. However, because NF is a progressive lifelong disorder, the future remains uncertain. As the director of the NF Endurance Team for the Children's Tumor Foundation, I see the heartbreak NF brings to families. We may not be doctors, researchers or scientists, but we are fathers, mothers, aunts, uncles and friends, trying to help people who have NF. Participating in RAAM is how we can make a difference.



The Foundation has made significant strides over the past five years in testing thousands of drugs to treat NF manifestations, developing a national clinic network, and funding young investigators to conduct neurofibromatosis research.

This recession has impacted all nonprofits, and our foundation is no different. I'd like to ask you, if you can, to continue your support to find a cure for NF. We need your help in competing in RAAM. Our team will cover most of the event costs to ensure that your donation will go to the researchers, scientists and doctors who need it most.

Each year I am humbled when I ask and receive your support. I will never be able to repay the kindness and generosity you have shown me in this quest to make a better life for Arianna and the two million children and adults who suffer with NF. Please know that I, along with Ari, Katie and Aidan, are grateful for the hope that your support brings -- a better future for those battling NF.

Sincerely,