



To Whom It May Concern:

I am happy to share that we are approaching our 2nd Annual PKS Awareness Day in Minnesota!! Last year it was an “official” day when Governor Pawlenty signed the Proclamation. We are awaiting the signature from Governor Dayton, but we have full expectations of the same results! The intent for this day is to bring awareness to this incredibly rare syndrome.

Interestingly, there are now 2 PKS kids in Minnesota! Andrew Schmidt of Becker, MN is one who is now approaching 7 years old. He is affected by a vision and hearing impairment or (deaf blindness), profound low muscle tone, severe developmental delay and seizures. He does not walk or talk at the age of nearly 7. His symptoms are very common for PKS.

What is PKS Kids??

PKS Kids is a 501©3 non-profit organization founded to help educate the medical community on Pallister-Killian Syndrome and to help families and children in need. Pallister-Killian Mosaic Syndrome, or PKS, is a chromosome abnormality when a tetrasomy of the short arm of chromosome 12 (12p) occurs. PKS happens randomly and for no known reason. It is thought that there are fewer than 200 diagnosed cases of PKS in the world. Doctors now believe there may be over 2,000 cases and we need to identify these children so they can receive the proper care.

We are asking for your support by helping us promote PKS Awareness Day in your newsletters and your in house marketing. We have t-shirts for sale, and our wish is to have them worn by the medical community near the 12-4 day in support of PKS kids. These t-shirts would be for sale at \$15.00 each and could be supplied to your facility. Money earned from the t-shirt sale goes entirely to PKS Kids. We also welcome any corporate donations as well. Our goal is to raise \$12,400 by December 4th.

For more information on this syndrome, the non-profit or families impacted by PKS, please visit all of these sites:

www.pskkids.com
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