



Community Service Hours

6th North Carolina Monster Madness
for MPS 5K Run
October 29, 2017 – 8:00 am
Wake Med Soccer Park
Cary, NC
www.mpsrunnc.com

To Whom It May Concern:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Has completed _____ hours of community service support during the “North Carolina National MPS Society 5K Run”. Their efforts and devotion of time provided safety and support for a better experience for all attendees.

Mucopolysaccharidoses (MPS) and Mucopolipidosis (ML) are genetic lysosomal storage diseases (LSD) caused by the body's inability to produce specific enzymes. Normally, the body uses enzymes to break down and recycle materials in cells. In individuals with MPS and related diseases, the missing or insufficient enzyme prevents the proper recycling process, resulting in the storage of materials in virtually every cell of the body. As a result, cells do not perform properly and may cause progressive damage throughout the body, including the heart, bones, joints, respiratory system and central nervous system. While the disease may not be apparent at birth, signs and symptoms develop with age as more cells become damaged by the accumulation of cell materials.

Today we have four treatments for the nine diseases we support. They are not cures, but we have made strong headway with these rare lysosomal diseases. This run is in honor of Jennifer Klein, ML III - currently a student at NC State University who has overcome 8 surgeries, but research has not developed a treatment for the devastating effects of her disease. We will not stop our efforts until these diseases are eradicated.

It was an honor to work with the named volunteer at our event. We hope that they enjoyed meeting families from around the state, they should be commended for their efforts. Our event was possible because of volunteers like this outstanding person.

Sincerely,

Terri Klein, Development Director
Race Director – National MPS Society
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