

Dear _____,

They are the words no parent wants to hear... _____ has a life threatening rare disease, an inherited type of anemia that leads to bone marrow failure: Fanconi anemia (FA). The diagnosis sent shockwaves through our entire family and community. We scrambled for support, education, any glimmer of hope to help us understand what we faced. Thankfully, the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund (FARF) helped us learn more about FA at a time when we were scared and confused. FARF was there to not only help us understand this horrible diagnosis, but also to continually and aggressively fund research to find a cure.

We found that _____ is likely to have a stem cell transplant, and while this is frightening, we know that a transplant won't cure FA, and _____ will remain much more likely to develop certain cancers than the general population. But because of the Fund,

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The Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, a 5-star Charity Navigator nonprofit organization, was founded in 1989 to find effective treatments and a cure for FA and to provide education and support services to affected families worldwide. Since it began, the Fund has helped to move FA research forward by:

- Awarding more than \$19 million to fund 210 research grants worldwide
- Supported research that has made significant improvements in the bone-marrow transplant survival rates of those affected with FA
- Convenes scientific meetings and symposia to bring scientists and clinicians together from around the globe to present and discuss the latest FA research
- Helps to uncover important information about cancers that affect both those with FA and also those in the general population
- Publishes newsletters that summarize FA research findings, and includes stories of hope from families affected by FA.
- Produces multiple important educational publications, such as the Clinical Guidelines for Diagnosis and Management

In addition, the Fund sponsors an annual Family Meeting which offers a summer camp experience for children with FA and their siblings, while parents have the opportunity to learn the latest about FA treatments and receive much-needed emotional support. With the successful advances in transplants, those with FA now have a median lifespan of 33 years old, so the Fund also now hosts an Adult meeting.

Our goal is for _____ to not only be a part of the adult meetings, but also to live past the median age of 33 and enjoy a long life filled with all the hopes and dreams we all have for our children. But we need your help.

We ask that you make a donation to the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund. Research is the best hope we have for helping _____ live a long and full life. Your donation will make a real difference in the lives of those affected by FA. When you donate to the Fund, your tax-deductible donation will have an impact on the lives of millions, as key genetic discoveries indicate potential links between FA and cancer development in the general population.

For more information about FA and the Fanconi Anemia Research Fund, please visit www.fanconi.org.

Please know that we, along with _____ and all those affected by FA, appreciate your generous gift. Thank you for your help in fighting this devastating disease.

The _____ Family