



The Hemispherectomy Foundation Brain Matters Newsletter

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Dreams on Wings Runners Take Flight!



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Our Mission



To Encourage and Support impacted families by connecting them with other families who have had a hemispherectomy or similar surgery.

To Work together with medical professionals to fund research into the cause of the diseases that lead to intractable epilepsy, hemispherectomy, and the surgery itself.

To Raise Money for camp fees, scholarships for trade schools and

More Than 500 Runners Participate in the Dreams on Wings 5K in Weatherford, Texas



Runners take off at the 2011 Dreams on Wings 5K

The 3rd Annual Dreams on Wings 5K was held May 14 in Weatherford, Texas. More than 1100 runners and walkers registered from 45 states as well as Canada, Mexico, and France. 505 of the 1100 plus runners and

higher education as well as provide financial relief for struggling families
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walkers ran in Weatherford. 12 Hemi families also attended the race and Miss Abby Apitzsch (Right Hemi, 2001) finished the 5K course for the second year in a row!



Abby Apitzsch getting ready to race!

New this year was a campaign, headed by Roxanne Cogil and Lisa Koesterer, to increase the 2011 Virtual Runner entries from 75 individuals to 500 Virtual Runners. Virtual Runners register to "sleep in and get the t-shirt." Seven families joined in the fun and organized "virtual runner" walk/runs where they live. The largest virtual team will have a 2011 college scholarship named after their team. The Dreams on Wings ended up with **630 Virtual Runners and 65 VR Hemi Teams - well above our goal!** See more about our largest team winner and pictures local walk/runs that were organized by Hemi families below.

The Dreams on Wings 5K is the largest fundraiser for the Hemispherectomy Foundation. Over \$30,000 was raised and the proceeds from the race go toward financial aid, college and camp scholarships, research support, therapy and life aids.

Some of the Hemi Families that joined us in Weatherford, Texas.





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The Apitzsch Family



The Cogil Family



The Embrey Family



The Koesterer Family



The McKechnie Family



The Tumlinson Family



The Wolf Family

The Yambo Family & Friends

Not pictured: The Lawson, Caviness, Potluri, and Hall families.



Congratulations HEMI Miracles!
2011 Alexander Ethan Jones
Hemispherectomy Foundation
Scholarship



Congratulations to the HEMI Miracles team from Virginia for having the largest family Virtual Running team and is the winner of a 2011 scholarship named in honor of their team! HEMI Miracles was organized by Angie Jones and honors her grandson, Alex (11 months old) who had a left hemispherectomy less than 4 months ago for hemimegalencephaly.



2nd Place: Team Kinley



3rd Place: Josie Wathan



"Virtual Running" Across the USA

Eight families in California, Colorado, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, Nebraska, Ohio, and Virginia gathered their teams of "virtual runners" at local parks, trails, and even a marathon to support the Hemispherectomy Foundation and raise awareness.



Aaron's Entourage

HEMI Miracles



Hoosiers for Hemis



Jogging for Georgia



Team Ashtyn

Team Jaxon



Greg's Dreams on Wings



**The 2011 International
Hemispherectomy Foundation
Conference and Family Reunion
Anaheim, California**

Time is Running Out! Join Us on July 7th!

[Click Here to View the Conference Brochure, List](#)

[of Speakers, Highlights, Details on Kids Kamp, Meals, Photo Opportunities, and some Special Surprises.](#) (may take a few minutes to load)

Simply [Click Here for Registration Form](#) . [Print it and Mail it and you're done.](#)

Final Agenda and Speakers : [Click Here](#)

*****Due to VERY generous donors, All Meals are included, except Saturday evening. This will significantly reduce the cost of attending for ALL families!***

We are less than 1 month from the event, so we need all registrations in ASAP to help with planning.

[The 2011 International Hemispherectomy Foundation Conference and Family Reunion](#)

**July 7th, 8th, and 9th, 2011 at Disney's Paradise Pier Hotel
in Anaheim, California**



[For Information and Registration Packet <Click Here>](#)

Mark your calendars NOW for the **2011 International Hemispherectomy Foundation Conference and Family Reunion**. You don't want to miss this year's conference and family reunion in sunny southern California at the Disneyland Paradise Pier Resort. <http://disneyland.disney.go.com/hotels/paradise-pier-hotel/>



The 2011 Conference promises to be a well-balanced mix of informative speakers, educational topics, and information geared specifically for families who have been impacted by Hemispherectomy Brain Surgery. In a relaxed, family atmosphere, among other families just like yours, you will be able to learn from others who have walked in your shoes. You will hear from doctors, experts, and scientists who are leaders in the fields that impact your child. Most importantly, you will meet new friends and see old friends who will walk the journey with you.



Make this trip part of a family summer vacation, or come exclusively for the event, but don't miss it. This is also a great chance to schedule appointments at nearby hospitals where your child may have had surgery. Before or after the conference is an ideal time to schedule those yearly follow-up appointments. You may even see your favorite doctor at the conference.

Everyone is invited. It doesn't matter whether you are from the East Coast, West Coast, somewhere in-between, or on the other side of the world, we want you in California in July. The Hemispherectomy Foundation Team is putting together an affordable package so that everyone can make it. And as always, The Hemispherectomy Foundation will be offering some financial aid for those who want to come, but just can't fit it into their budget without a little help.

So Register Now, by printing off [The Registration Form](#), filing it out, and mailing it in. Also, don't forget to make your hotel reservations. They go fast in the Disney Resorts, and The Hemi Foundation Block of Rooms will also fill fast.

You can begin making hotel reservations at the Paradise Pier Hotel now. Please use This Reservations Link and it will take you directly to The Hemi Foundation block of rooms - room rate \$129 per night plus

tax. [Hotel Reservations Link](#)

Or call (714)520-5005. Please mention the **Hemi Foundation Group** to get the special rate of \$129 per night plus tax.

More Information Available on :
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