



CHASA to Co-Sponsor 2010 NDC Symposium

ARLINGTON, TX (March 8, 2010) – The Children’s Hemiplegia and Stroke Association (CHASA), a non-profit organization dedicated to improving lives of children and families affected by pediatric stroke and other causes of hemiplegia, is pleased to announce that it will co-sponsor the 2010 Neurobiology of Disease in Children (NDC) symposium.

The symposium will feature presentations from pediatric stroke researchers from around the world and will provide information to hundreds of child neurologists regarding the latest research on pediatric stroke. In addition, a portion of CHASA’s sponsorship will be used to bring in 20 young investigators, who are interested in pediatric stroke research.

“We are honored to be participating in this important and successful symposium.” said Nancy Atwood, President of CHASA and mother of a 16-year-old perinatal stroke survivor. Atwood added, “We are excited to tell attendees about what CHASA offers pediatric stroke survivors and their families, and we’re equally excited about having our kids help determine the future of pediatric stroke research.”

The symposium will take place on October 13, 2010 in Providence, RI. Other sponsors of the NDC Symposium include the Child Neurology Society (CNS) and the National Institutes of Health (NIH), which includes the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) and the Office of Rare Diseases Research.

About CHASA

CHASA is a 501 (c)(3) organization that provides support, education, and advocacy for children and families affected by pediatric stroke and hemiplegic cerebral palsy. Whether through discussion groups, educational fact sheets, or parent to parent connections, CHASA has helped, and continues to help, children and families through the overwhelming and complex world that occurs after a child suffers a stroke. For more information, visit www.chasa.org and www.neurobiologyofdisease.com.

About Pediatric Stroke

Pediatric stroke occurs in approximately 1 in 4,000 infants and between 2 and 13 in 100,000 children each year. Children frequently have significant long-term disabilities after a perinatal stroke, including cognitive and sensory impairments, epilepsy, visual and behavioral difficulties, and cerebral palsy. Early identification and treatment is key to success for little stroke survivors.

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