

Last Year's Event:



The 3rd Annual Drink for a Cure fundraiser, organized by the Banke and Yario families in memory of Christian Banke, was held on November 24 at Timothy O'Toole's Pub in Chicago. More than 100 people attended, including members of the Northern Illinois NMF Chapter and the Paramount Tall Club. In excess of \$9,000 was raised, more than double the amount raised the previous year.

**Please help us reach our
2008 goal of over \$20,000.**

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4th Annual
drink for a
CURE



2008

**DATE: September 13, 2008
TIME: 8:00 to Midnight
PLACE: Irish Times Pub & Restaurant
8869 Burlington Ave.
(along the tracks)
Brookfield, IL 60513
\$50.00 Per Person @ the Door**

The Story of Drink for A Cure

It all began in 1998 when our beloved brother Christian Banke was diagnosed with Marfan syndrome. Then, in 2002, while undergoing cardiovascular surgery for Marfan syndrome Christian died. He was the second person in our family to die from it. Most amazingly, we realized that most people, even doctors, had not heard of Marfan syndrome. Also, millions of people across all geographical and racial groups can have Marfan syndrome. As a result, the nine remaining siblings decided to have a yearly fundraiser that would raise awareness for this silent killer by donating the funds to the National Marfan Foundation.

What is Marfan Syndrome?

Marfan syndrome is a disorder of connective tissue. Connective tissue holds all parts of the body together and helps control how the body grows. Because connective tissue is found throughout the body, Marfan syndrome features can occur in many different parts of the body. Marfan syndrome features are most often found in the heart, blood vessels, bones, joints, and eyes. Sometimes, the lungs and skin are also affected. Marfan syndrome does not affect intelligence.

How is the Marfan gene inherited?

Each child of a person who has the Marfan syndrome has a 50 percent chance of inheriting the disorder. Sometimes a new gene defect (a spontaneous mutation) occurs during the formation of sperm or egg cells resulting in a baby with the Marfan syndrome. However, two unaffected parents have only a 1 in 10,000 chance of having a child with the Marfan syndrome. **Approximately 25% of cases are due to a spontaneous mutation at the time of conception.**

The National Marfan Foundation supports all forms of connective tissue disorders, such as:

- Aneurysms & Dissections
- Mitral Valve Prolapse
- Skeletal Features/MASS Phenotype
- Loays-Dietz
- Lens Dislocation
- Beals syndrome

National Marfan Foundation is the recognized authority on Aortic Dissection by the American Heart Association.



How Your Money Helps:

• Pediatric Awareness

Getting the word out about early diagnosis is the primary goal of this campaign. This is accomplished through a variety of means:

- Outreach to physicians and allied health professionals such as school nurses
- Medical exhibit tours to pediatric conferences
- Media outreach

• Educational Programs

Emergency Medicine Campaign:

The NMF reaches out to emergency medical professionals by:

- Promoting the Campaign at medical conferences for emergency physicians, nurses, paramedics, hospital administrators and risk managers
- Articles in medical journals and trade magazines
- Direct mail to emergency medical professionals
- Outreach efforts by local NMF members to their local hospitals

Sports and Physical Activity Initiative:

This new program is currently in development. There are two primary goals for this important campaign:

- To promote pre-participation athlete screening for the Marfan syndrome for all school athletes thereby preventing those with the disorder from entering into dangerous competitive sports programs.
- To promote appropriate physical activity guidelines for people affected with the Marfan syndrome.

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3. In the Name of the Event box - please paste in the following: Drink for a Cure
4. In the Comments box below, please paste in the following: Banke-Yario Family & Northern IL Marfan Chapter
5. Choose your donation amount
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