Mission Statement

The mission of Coalition Duchenne is to raise global awareness for Duchenne muscular dystrophy, to fund research and to find a cure for Duchenne.

Our Vision

Our vision is to bring together not just the world's Duchenne organizations and individuals, but everyone, in a quest to raise global awareness and to find a cure for our sons.

Who We Are

Coalition Duchenne brings together organizations from around the world, in a quest to raise global awareness and to find a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy.

The world's Duchenne organizations have been created by parents and families who's lives have been deeply touched by the diagnosis of our sons with Duchenne.

These organizations are devoted to raising awareness and money for research and treatments, and an eventual cure for our sons.

The impact of Duchenne is felt across the globe, from the USA to Asia, Australia, Europe, India, South American and Africa. Duchenne knows no boundaries, and does not discriminate between race, culture, socioeconomic status or country.

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> *When we feel love and kindness toward others, it not only makes others feel loved and cared for but it helps us also to develop inner peace and happiness.*
>
> ~Dalai Lama

Please Donate

We apply our unique experience of living with Duchenne to selecting the most promising research initiatives. We have helped in the early stage development of some of the key research that is now paying dividends for sufferers of Duchenne today. We have relationships with the leading scientists and doctors. We have been prepared to try innovative treatments but evaluate them objectively.

Through collaboration with worldwide organizations, individuals, and leading Duchenne scientists, 100% of money donated to Coalition Duchenne will be directed to the best research opportunities.

With sincere gratitude.

To make a donation by mail, please send checks to:

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Raising Global Awareness for
Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy

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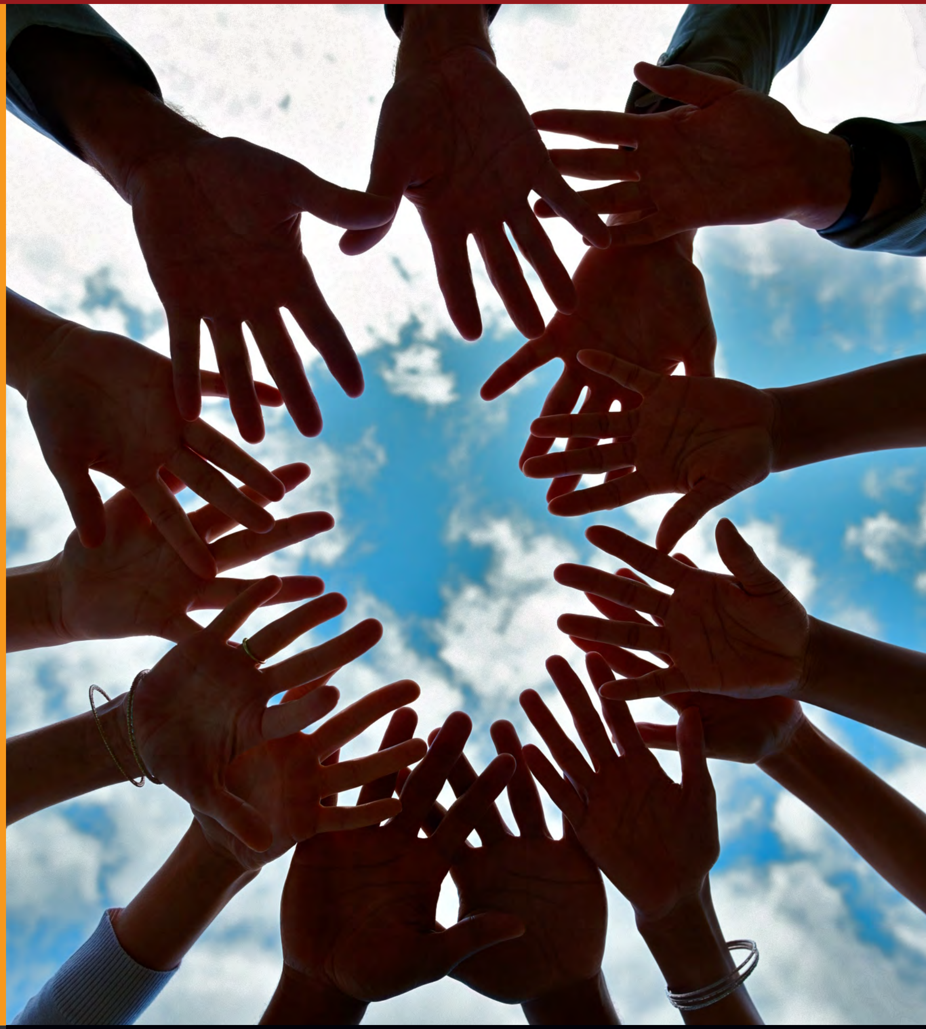

Now is the time
for humanity to come together.

What is Duchenne?

Duchenne is a catastrophic, progressive muscle wasting disease that affects one in 3,500 boys worldwide.

It robs boys of their ability to walk, breathe, eat and speak, and eventually takes their lives, often before they reach age 20. It leaves their minds unaffected.

Our Call To Action

One afternoon my son Dusty and I were talking about how cool it would be to finally find a cure for Duchenne, so that boys like him could live longer lives.

We reflected on the last few years and realized that what we needed most was global awareness and money for research. We talked about how the world comes together for the victims of earthquakes, floods and tsunamis, and supports various environmental causes, our oceans and rainforests.

We decided that moving forward, we are stronger if we all come together as humans, as a force, as a coalition, bringing together not just the world's Duchenne organizations, but everyone. We need to focus on changing the course, taking our quest to another level.

Duchenne IS a curable disease. This is a call to action. Now is the time to find a cure for Duchenne, so that boys like Dusty can live longer lives.

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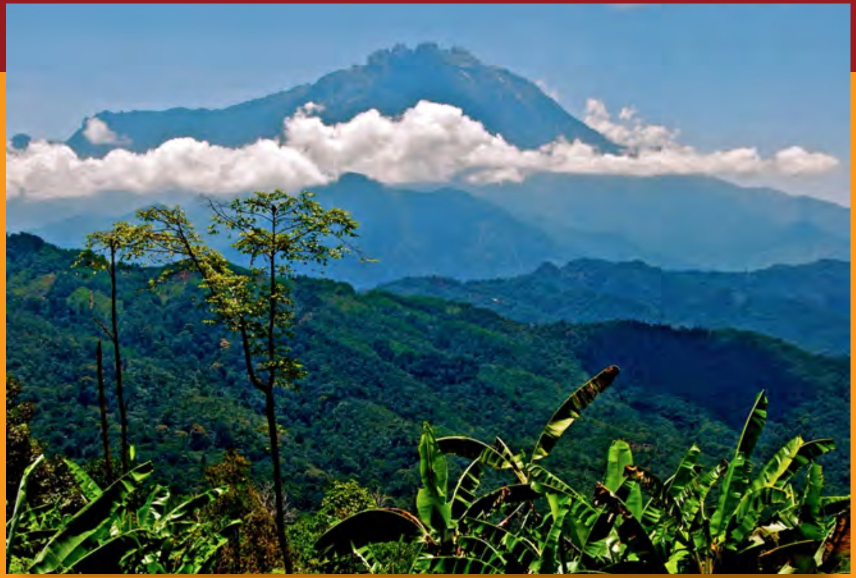
Join Us!

Please help us save our sons.

Expedition Mt. Kinabalu

Summit of Borneo

Coalition Duchenne has created an annual event to raise global awareness and funding for Duchenne.



An international team will climb South East Asia's Mt Kinabalu, on the island of Borneo, in the Malaysian state of Sabah. We will climb for ALL the brave and courageous boys and men around the world who face far greater challenges than any mountain peak and to honor those boys and men who have lost their lives to Duchenne.

At the summit of 13,455 ft, we will proudly raise the Coalition Duchenne banner. The world needs to know about this disease.

Help us conquer Duchenne by conquering Mt Kinabalu.

Awareness + Funding = Research = Cure

More about Duchenne

Duchenne can happen to anyone. Duchenne is caused by a defect in the gene that codes for the protein dystrophin. Dystrophin is a vital protein that helps connect the muscle fiber to the cell membranes. Without dystrophin the muscle cells become unstable, are weakened and lose their functionality.

Some of the early symptoms of Duchenne are difficulty in walking, running and climbing. By the age of 6 -7 boys start to fall often and fatigue quickly. Their calf muscles appear large because they become fibrotic.

By the age of 10-12, most boys are in a wheelchair. During the mid teens, boys may need help with eating. It is during this time that their back muscles become too weak to support their spine which results in scoliosis.

During the late teens, respiratory weakness occurs in the diaphragm, as muscles that operate the lungs get weaker. Boys often require breathing assistance and respiratory infections become life threatening. The heart is also involved, and most boys develop an early onset of cardiomyopathy.

Life expectancy varies and rate of progression and severity is different for each boy. Life expectancy ranges from the mid teenage years to the mid 20's.

There is no cure, although, in the last 10 years there have been major advances in science and in standards of care. With informed and timely treatment, some boys with Duchenne are living longer lives than ever before.

> *We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now.*
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> ~Martin Luther King Jr.