

Stroll and Roll for Rett at the IRSF

STROLLATHON

International Rett Syndrome Foundation

2009 Strollathon Fact Sheet

What: The Strollathon is the signature event of the International Rett Syndrome Foundation. It is a fun-filled family event which raises crucial research dollars and public awareness of Rett syndrome (RTT) in communities across the country and even worldwide. The hard work and dedication of families country-wide has helped IRSF to substantially increase the dollars raised and add more Strollathons to the calendar each year to help further our mission. In 2004, we helped Rett families host four Strollathons and in 2005 that number doubled to eight! In just two years, from 2004-2006, the Strollathon program went from raising \$465,000 to \$815,000! A record 17 Strollathons took place in 2007 and raised an astounding \$1.2 million! Despite the hard economic times in 2008 families and friends from coast to coast raised nearly \$1 million and hosted 14 Strollathons. The program has grown tremendously since the Inaugural event in 2002 and has raised nearly \$4.5 million for RTT research, family support and advocacy and awareness.



When/Where: Strollathon will be held across the country in 2009. Locations include:

St. Louis, MO	May
Chicago, IL	May
Commerce, MI	May
Narragansett, RI	May
Boston, MA	Summer
Littleton, CO	August
Groton, CT	August
Harrisburg, PA	September
Roanoke, VA	September
Tri-State (OH/KY/IN)	September
Portland, OR	September
Wrightsville Beach, NC	September
Fairfax, VA	October
Tri-State (NY/NJ/CT)	Spring
Austin, TX	TBD
Dallas, TX	TBD
Gilbert, AZ	TBD

Please call 513.874.3020 for additional details regarding date and location



Why: All proceeds raised from the Strollathon Program are allocated to IRSF's Programs and Services. With your support IRSF will continue to fund the world's most promising RTT research as well as provide families with support. *In 2009, we are celebrating 10 years since the discovery of the gene mutation that causes Rett syndrome.* The discovery of the gene, *MECP2*, mutation brought the average age of diagnosis from 4-5 years to about 17 months—critical for the start of early childhood developmental interventions and invaluable to the parent looking for answers. Researchers now tell us that Rett syndrome, the only Autism spectrum disorder with a known genetic cause, may only be 5 years from a cure!

Rett syndrome has taken away the future that many parents have dreamed for their daughters. IRSF is working to give it back. Join us in our mission.

