



Dear Friends and Family,

We're planning a new event this summer to benefit the International Rett Syndrome Foundation (IRSF) and want you to join us! This July, Hannah, Jack and I are launching "**A Stand for Rett 2008**", local lemonade stands across New England focused on raising money and awareness for Rett syndrome.

Our idea stemmed from a simple lemonade stand that the kids held last year. Wanting to help their friend Keilly, Hannah and Jack held a lemonade stand on our street. We prepared about 2 gallons of fresh-squeezed lemonade, some signs, and even recruited some neighbors to help wave in the customers! After less than 2 hours and some very generous lemonade fans, the kids raised almost \$50! However, even more importantly, they helped to educate dozens of people in our community about Rett syndrome and about the efforts of IRSF.



In that short afternoon the kids accomplished so very much. They certainly had a wonderful time waving their signs, pouring and serving our customers, and collecting the donations, but they also learned just how good it felt to do something special for someone else. They experienced the true meaning of charity and felt the amazing affect it has on your heart. As a mother, I can't tell you how proud I was of my children on that day.

This year, we are hoping to grow and share our wonderful experience with everyone that we know. We are asking you, our friends and family, to join us by holding a lemonade stand in your community. Our **A Stand for Rett 2008** campaign is scheduled for the week of July 20th. By setting up a lemonade stand between July 20th and July 26th you too can find out just how richly a few lemons, a little messy work, and a lot of love will brighten your heart.

We look forward to hearing from you soon and please encourage your friends and family to join us too!

Sincerely

Deb, Hannah, and Jack Matthy



To join the 1st Annual **A Stand for Rett** campaign, simply complete the information below and **return no later than June 30th**. You will then receive a campaign packet in the mail which will include:

- Tips for planning your Lemonade Stand
- A Fresh Squeezed Home-Made Lemonade Recipe
- Sample Signs for your use (or feel free to make your own)
- Rett Information Sheets to give to your customers
- Information on forwarding your earnings on to IRSF

Your Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Telephone #: _____

Email Address: _____

Child(ren) participating:

Name

Age

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Date Selected for your stand (circle if known):

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
July	July	July	July	July	July	July
20 th	21 st	22 nd	23 rd	24 th	25 th	26 th

Comments/Questions?? _____

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