The Purple Pumpkin Party

Saturday October 28th 2017

A Benefit For

Scarlett Parks Foundation
Rett syndrome – Searching for a Cure

At the International Agri-Center
Tulare California
This letter signifies that, in honor of their granddaughter Scarlett Parks, Don and Jodi Searcy will be conducting a fundraising event, the “Purple Pumpkin Party”. The event will take place October 28, 2017 at the International Agri-Center in Tulare CA. The Purple Pumpkin Party will be a celebration of a community coming together to help raise awareness and money to find a cure for Rett syndrome, consisting of dinner, dance and entertainment. We will be having an auction, silent auction and many other fun items to bid on to help raise money needed to help find a cure.

The Scarlett Parks Foundation supports:

Rettsyndrome.org:  
The most comprehensive nonprofit organization dedicated to accelerating research of treatments and a cure for Rett syndrome and related disorders while providing information and family empowerment.

Katie’s Clinic:  
Founded because the medical concerns and development of girls with Rett syndrome are unique and require specialized care while helping the Rett Syndrome patient, her family, and their care team back home manage health and development issues.

Valley Children’s Hospital:  
A nonprofit, state-of-the-art children’s hospital in Central California, who treats more inpatient cases than any pediatric hospital north of San Diego. With 358 licensed beds, Valley Children's Healthcare is one of the largest pediatric healthcare networks in the nation.

Scarlett Parks Foundation:  
The Scarlett Parks Foundation supports Scarlett and other children’s many financial needs that are not covered by insurance.

If you have any questions please visit www.scarletparksfoundation.org or call Don.

Sincerely,

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History of the Scarlett Parks Foundation

What began as a simple bike ride turned into one of my greatest passions.

My love for cycling was the foundation for Riding4Rett and ultimately for the creation of the Scarlett Parks Foundation, two charities dedicated to helping fund the discovery of a cure for Rett syndrome. A life-altering disorder, Rett syndrome hits very close to home for me; our granddaughter Scarlett, is among the thousands of children (mostly girls), living courageously with their RS affliction.

One Sunday in early 2016, as I rode my bicycle home from a 5k run, I was overcome with emotion thinking that my granddaughter would never be able to ride a bike, run or even walk. As I pedaled along with tears filling my eyes, I called out to God: ‘Lord what am I to do to help find a cure? Use me!’ It was then that I was given the leading that this bike would be my tool to use. Not being a dedicated cyclist, I knew that this call was going to require significant dedication and effort on my part. I set a goal, the GranFondo, and started riding morning and night to prepare for it. The GranFondo, staged in Tehachapi California, is 104 miles of basically nothing but hills. I had no idea how to train for it, but I did it anyway and on race day I happily pulled Scarlett across the finish line in a small trailer attached to my bicycle. Completing that ride inspired me to train and ride in different cycling events throughout the year, always hitching up to Scarlett in her “chariot” during the final miles and pulling her across the finish line. This act, to me, symbolizes that the true finish line for Scarlett and all RS sufferers will be the eventual discovery of a cure for Rett syndrome.

During the sponsor recruitment portion of my fundraising rides, I was often asked if my charity was a non-profit with 501(c)3 status. The importance of that designation quickly became clear, and I immediately began to pursue a non-profit status. Riding4Rett was the original name chosen for my cycling events for a cure, but through the non-profit designation process I was encouraged to choose a different name for our overall non-profit entity, and that’s how the Scarlett Parks Foundation was formed. Named in honor of our granddaughter Scarlett, the Scarlett Parks Foundation has made a commitment to Scarlett’s care and to support rettsyndrome.org, Katie’s Clinic and Valley Children’s Hospital with all funds raised by the projects, and events we will undertake. Just as any parent and a grandparent would be, I am committed to doing anything within my power to accelerate the discovery of a cure for Rett syndrome and seeing my little Scarlett grow up to do the amazing things in this world that God created her to do.

Don & Jodi Searcy
The Scarlett Parks Family Journey
With Rett Syndrome

Rett syndrome is a debilitating neurological disorder diagnosed almost exclusively in girls and occurring in one of every 10,000 female births in the United States and around the world. Every two hours a girl is born somewhere in the world with Rett syndrome a non-discriminatory disorder striking all races and ethnicity worldwide. Typically, girls are born healthy and early development phases seem normal. Then generally somewhere around 18 months, some sooner and some later, regression in development appears, particularly affecting speech, hand skill and coordination. There are unintentional, repetitive hand movements becoming constant while awake. A complete loss of speech and purposeful hand use and slowing of the normal rate of head growth. Seizures, disorganized breathing patterns while awake, irritability are often experienced. There are digestive complications, problems with chewing and swallowing and cardiac function issues are all a part of being a "Silent Angel" with Rett syndrome. Rett syndrome can best be described as the perfect storm of Autism, Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Epilepsy and Parkinson’s Disease all wrapped up into our precious angel. Girls with Rett Syndrome are smart, they understand everything you say, but they are literally trapped inside a body that does not work.

Here is Scarlett’s story, via mommy, of her journey.
My name is Scarlett and I am now 5 years old. After more than a year of doctor visits, testing and waiting I found out that I was born with a disorder called Rett syndrome. You can’t catch Rett syndrome, you can only get it if you were born with it. Rett syndrome mainly affects girls and it is a bit different for each person. I have a very hard time with the muscles EVERYWHERE, so this is a big problem. My muscles are weaker than yours, do not always do what I want them to and can’t do many of the things yours can. Since over 80% of girls with Rett Syndrome walk, usually later in life, I have to practice a lot and keep making my muscles stronger. I can sit up on my own, but sometimes I get tired and tip over. There is currently no cure for Rett syndrome but there is always hope.

Rett syndrome has changed our lives in so many ways. We often wonder what Scarlett would be like without Rett, but we are who we are and Scarlett is who she is because of Rett. The Scarlett Parks Foundation has been formed to raise funds and support a few of the organizations that have impacted us with the care and support for Scarlett. Rettsyndrome.org is the world’s largest, private source of fund and Rett syndrome research. Katie’s Clinic is our local, California, clinic that specializes in Rett syndrome and Valley Children’s Hospital has support from Katie’s clinic in the diagnosis and treatment of Scarlett. Donations to the Scarlett Parks Foundation will go to the care of Scarlett and these three, wonderful, organizations to help fund clinical trials and research programs to find a cure.

Your help and support of the “Purple Pumpkin Party” will help bring research to reality. As a community, we all come together to fight for the greater good and this is why we believe God choose us and our community to meet Scarlett.

Girls with Rett syndrome may not have a voice but WE have the voice to raise awareness to find a cure for them.

"Scarlett is our world and we are her voice."

Love,

The Parks and the Searcy Family
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**Sponsorship Packages**

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   • 16 tickets to the event (two reserved tables)
   • Full Page Journal Ad
   • Name and logo listed on the Scarlett Parks Foundation website and social media links
   • Recognition from the stage during the program
   • Name on Signage at event

_____ Violet ............................................... $2,500
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   • Name and logo listed on the Scarlett Parks Foundation website
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   • 8 tickets to the event (one reserved table)
   • 1/2 Page Journal Ad
   • Recognition from the stage during the program
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_____ Iris .................................................. $500
   • 4 tickets to the event
   • ¼ Page Journal Ad

*Deadline for sponsorships is October 1, 2017*

You can also purchase sponsorships and/or tickets online at www.scarletparksfoundation.org  
For further information, please email riding4rett@yahoo.com, call Don @ 559-972-7631 or  
Please send all payments to: Scarlett Parks Foundation c/o Don Searcy P.O. Box 642, Tulare CA 93275
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Auction Donation Agreement
Please Fill Out the Form Completely

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Check appropriate line and circle related item:
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Please send completed forms, gift certificates and items by September 9, 2017
To
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