

# HELPING HANDS

FOR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND SUPPORTERS OF THE CHILDREN'S GAUCHER RESEARCH FUND



THE ONLY THING INCURABLE IS OUR PASSION.



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"I never did anything worth doing entirely by accident...Almost none of my inventions were derived in that manner. They were achieved by having trained myself to be analytical and to endure and tolerate hard work". – Thomas Edison

On June 23-25, 2006 the Children's Gaucher Research Fund and the National Institutes of Health hosted the 2nd "Lysosomal Diseases and the Brain" conference in Sacramento, California. In attendance were over 100 researchers, (M.D.'s and PhD's) from ten different countries. The conference attracted medical researchers from America, Brazil, Canada, England, France, Germany, Israel, Italy, Korea, Sweden and Switzerland.

The conference began with a reception dinner on a beautiful summer evening at the Sacramento river-front Rio City Café. Dr. Elsa Shapiro provided a Tribute to the Late Dr. William Krivit, who was little Gregory's (our son) Bone Marrow Transplant doctor. Dr. Krivit was a dedicated man who attended the first Lysosomal diseases and the Brain conference in Bethesda Maryland, and surely would have attended this one.

The conference resumed on Saturday morning with two full days of scientific research presentations. Researchers representing some of the most respected scientific research laboratories in the world shared cutting edge research on the brain. The goal of the conference was to share the latest research, create cross-pollination of ideas between institutions, and foster collaborations that will move us closer to our ultimate goal – Finding a Cure.

For a non-scientist, standing among this group is a humbling experience. These are brilliant people, people who are "trained", who are "analytical", and who "tolerate hard work". When a cure is found it will indeed not be ... "entirely by accident".

For those of us who do not participate in these academic pursuits, our role is different, but equally important.

Whether it is your words of encouragement, your donation of time and talent, or your donation of funds for research; collectively, we all play a role. By joining hands you are lending a Helping Hand – offering hope to those children whose lives have been curtailed by disease. We appreciate all that you do!

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## A Tribute

**Dr. William Krivit** (University of Minnesota) passed away on December 8, 2005, at the age of 80. Dr. Krivit was world-renown in the field of lysosomal diseases. He was known for his humanism and strong advocacy for his patients (and all children, especially those who were disadvantaged), and internationally for his academic work, his leadership, his innovation, and the passionate pursuit of his ideas. He will be missed.











