

A  
*Fifth*  
SEASON  
Brightening the landscape of  
BATTEN DISEASE



February 2, 2012

Hello,

**Batten disease has become a part of our lives. We didn't ask for it. We certainly didn't want it. Most of us had never even heard of it. But now it has ravaged the lives of a family member, a friend, or a neighbor. And sadly, they are not alone.**

In the Chicago area, there are now five children under age 8 whose bodies are shutting down as they bravely fight Batten disease. The five children are fighting what is known as **Late Infantile Batten disease**, an extremely rare, degenerative genetic disease. For the first few years, the kids developed normally, toddling, talking, and laughing like any other kids. **Jasper (7)** loved to explore... **Bridget (7)** always wanted to go-go-go... **Ethan (7)** had a passion for all things transportation related...**Noah (7)** loved playing with trains...and his sister **Laine (6)** adores playing dress up.

Unfortunately, everything changed quickly. Between the ages of two and six, the children began to lose muscle coordination and experience seizures. Within a few years, they began losing their ability to speak, walk, and feed themselves as their little bodies slowly shut down. Some of these five children are now fed with feeding tubes, and are in wheelchairs. Most can no longer speak. At this time, Batten disease is terminal between the ages of 8 and 12.

***If only there were more hours in the day, or a fifth season in the year, we would have more time to find a cure.*** And we would have more time for each of these special children to experience a childhood before Batten disease ruthlessly rips it away. **It is time to find a cure. It is our turn to help.**

We, along with Partnership for Cures are hosting our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit to fund research on behalf of all five children, called ***"A Fifth Season....Brightening the landscape of Batten Disease."*** A casual gala for a serious cause, the event will be held on Saturday, May 5, 2012, at 5:00pm at the Cotillion Banquets in Palatine, Illinois.

The Fifth Season fundraiser will provide a big benefit experience with a relaxed atmosphere, featuring fantastic live music, special appearances, an impressive live and silent auction, and an extensive appetizer, dessert, and open bar.

**This is where we need your help.** We are asking you to become an official sponsor of ***"A Fifth Season....Brightening the landscape of Batten Disease."*** Your generous **tax-deductible donation** will not only help these very special children, but will also position your businesses in front of thousands of potential customers and clients. Below you will find the sponsorships levels and all the details.

**PARTNERS FOR A CURE : \$7,000 or more**

*Be a part of the Cure.*



- Company Logo or Name on event-related materials and/or signage
- Company Logo listed on Media Video
- Company Logo or Name featured on PFC website
- Company Name listed in PFC Annual Report
- Admission for 6 at "A Fifth Season"
- 6 raffle tickets
- Overnight accommodations (*up to 3 guest rooms*) at Hotel Bollero for the night of the fundraiser  
*Hotel Bollero is within walking distance from the Cotillion Banquets*

**HOPE ON THE HORIZON : \$5,000 to \$6,999**

*Hope that one day soon there is a cure.*



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- Admission for 4 at "A Fifth Season"
- 4 Raffle Tickets

**THE CONDUCTOR: \$3,000 to \$4,999**

*As a baby, Noah hit all of his developmental milestones on time. He was a rosy-cheeked, busy little boy who loved baseball, trains, and the movie Cars. He adored his twin sisters Laine and Emily. Although he can no longer walk or talk, Noah still lights up when he sees them.*



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- Admission for 2 at "A Fifth Season"
- 2 Raffle Tickets

### **THE GO GETTER: \$2,500 to \$2,999**

*From the time she could walk, she's loved to run, climb and go fast especially to music or the sound of the TV. She had spunk and sass and kept us on our toes. Bridget has been a love bug from the beginning, often known as the "Mad Hugger" for her tight squeezes.*



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- Admission for 2 at "A Fifth Season"

### **THE MASTER OF TRANSIT: \$2,000 to \$2,499**

*Ethan has always been the sweetest, most fun loving child. He has a passion for all things transportation related especially trains & trucks, nothing made him happier than going to watch trains or run dump trucks up and down the hallway of the house with his younger brother, Nolan.*



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- 2 Raffle Tickets

### **THE EXPLORER : \$1,000 to \$1,999**

*Jasper's favorite things in the world were running and kicking a ball around, and playing with his Thomas trains. He was a real explorer.*



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## THE PRINCESS: \$500 to \$999

Sweet little Laine's story is only just beginning to unfold. Similar to Noah, she seemed perfectly healthy as she successfully progressed through all of her developmental milestones as an infant and toddler. Our house rang with her giggles as she galloped down the hallway with her twin sister Emily. They were always a pair, whether coloring pictures for Daddy, snuggling during naps, or showing off their newest princess dresses.



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All funds that are raised will go to the Batten LINCL Research Fund at **Partnership for Cures** (Chicago, IL) a **501(c)(3) nonprofit organization** that will use those funds for research specific to the type of Batten disease that these five children are fighting. Below is an excerpt from the press release that was just issued describing the partnership.

*“Noah’s Hope, Hope 4 Bridget, and Jasper Against Batten To Collaborate with Partnership 4 Cures*

*CHICAGO (January 16, 2011) — Three Chicagoland LINCL-Batten disease family foundations have partnered to raise funds to support research for a cure. The three foundations: Noah’s Hope, Hope 4 Bridget, and Jasper Against Batten, will raise money, pool funds, and make decisions about which research projects to support. This is the first time that three Chicagoland foundations have formally partnered to support research for Late Infantile Neuronal Ceroid Lipofuscinosis (LINCL-Batten disease).” To read more please visit [www.4cures.org](http://www.4cures.org)*

On behalf of Partnership for Cures, and the many supporters of the families across the Chicagoland area, thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Anmarie*

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**Please help us as we fight for a cure for Batten disease,  
which first takes away childhood...and then takes away the child.**



Partnership for Cures is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. Thank you for your tax-deductible contribution. Please complete this form and mail to the address below. If needed a Committee Member will be contacting you to discuss the details of your sponsorship.

Name/Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>"A Fifth Season" Sponsor Level</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Partners For A Cure :</b> \$7,000 or more	\$
<b>Hope on the Horizon :</b> \$5,000 to \$6,999	\$
<b>The Conductor:</b> \$3,000 to \$4,999	\$
<b>The Go Getter:</b> \$2,500 to \$2,999	\$
<b>The Master of Transit:</b> \$2,000 to \$2,499	\$
<b>The Explorer :</b> \$1,000 to \$1,999	\$
<b>The Princess:</b> \$500-\$999	\$
<b>Other</b>	\$
<b>Total Donation</b>	\$

**Please make donation check payable to:**

Partnership for Cures

**Memo: A Fifth Season**

**Mail to:**

Partnership For Cures

70 West Madison Street, Ste. 1500

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Sponsorship donations are needed by April 20, 2012. Thank you!

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## A Fifth Season 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Benefit – May 5, 2012

Thank you for your donation. Please keep this portion for your records.

A letter acknowledging your donation will be sent to you shortly.

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