



## Kindness Over Muscular Dystrophy (#KOMD)

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Dear Friends,

A little less than a year ago, Dr. Mendell of Nationwide Children's Hospital accomplished what was unthinkable just a few years ago -- successfully launching the first human gene therapy trial for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy **with more than \$180K of support from KOMD.**

Now, Serapta Therapeutics (Dr. Mendell), Pfizer and Solid Biosciences have all begun gene therapy clinical trials. Early reports are so encouraging as patients have improved in several baseline muscle tests..particularly impressive because the normal progression of Duchenne is a steady decline of muscle activity.

While there is rapid progress being made with research, and Conner Curran is fortunate to be in one of the gene therapy trials, he and all the children with Duchenne don't have a lot of time as they are typically in a wheelchair by age 12 and only survive into their mid to late twenties.

Your donation could have a significant impact on our ability to fund this leading edge research in time to help these boys before the damage to their muscles is too severe.

For more details, please see a short video at:

<https://www.kindnessovermd.org/videos>

We've established a goal of raising \$1 million over a 36 month period. Every donation contributes, no matter the size. You can help us to achieve this goal by making a donation to our 4th Annual #KOMD Benefit on June 8, 2019.

For larger corporate and major donors, we've established four sponsorship levels and have attached a summary of what we'd like to offer you for your generous donation. We're happy to discuss in detail any other activities we might implement to recognize your donation or to hear any other ideas you may have to help us achieve our goal.

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Thank you in advance for considering a donation to our cause, which will be used 100% to fund the latest research and clinical trials. **Joint the Fight - End Duchenne!** We hope to see you at the Benefit.

With Warm Regards,  
**2019 KOMD Benefit Team**

Individual & Corporate or Major Donations: <https://www.kindnessovermd.org/take-action>