

A Record MDA Fundraiser for Team Laura Beth in Atlanta

January 8, 2011 – Atlanta, GA – More than 80 friends and family members supporting Laura Beth Jacquin attended the 2010 MDA Walk of Hope held at ZOO ATLANTA on November 6th. Team Laura Beth walked in memory of Jordan Woods and Keith Andrus, two dear friends who passed away in January from Muscular Dystrophy. Team Laura Beth received \$15,444 in donations for the MDA – a record team result in Atlanta – to raise awareness for neuromuscular disease and especially to help find a cure for Friedreich's Ataxia. The annual event collected more than \$150,000 in donations this year. Laura Beth and her family have raised over \$110,000 in donations since 2002, with most of the contributions designated for "Seek-A-Miracle", a non-profit organization associated with the MDA and FARA that provides all of its funds to support research to cure Friedreich's Ataxia, one of over 40 illnesses that the MDA supports. Donations are still coming in and a final team total will be determined in late December.



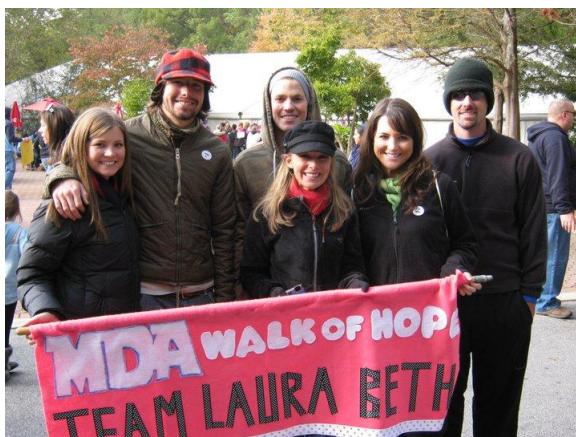
Laura Beth with friends & family at the 2010 MDA Walk of Hope in Atlanta

Laura Beth graduated in 2009 from Berry College in Rome, GA with an interdisciplinary degree in psychology, education, family studies and art. She was diagnosed with Friedreich's Ataxia, a progressive, neuromuscular illness twelve years ago.

Once again Team Laura Beth members were the most numerous at the event. "Thanks to everyone that donated and came to the MDA Walk of Hope on Saturday" said Laura Beth. "Even though it was a little chilly in the morning, we had a beautiful day at the zoo. I loved having so many friends and family join me. The team leaders did a great job fundraising on line this year and once again our friends and family members were very generous. I also appreciated the donations from my supporters from Europe and around the world. Thank you for making a difference!"

Love, **Laura Beth**

Muscular Dystrophy Association 2010 "Walk of Hope" at Zoo Atlanta



Friends and family enjoying the 2010 MDA Walk of Hope at Zoo Atlanta