

SAMPLE FAMILY FUNDRAISING LETTER

Dear Friends and Family,

We are writing to you today regarding our son Michael. On October 16th our world was rocked and changed forever when Michael was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis. <Insert>Explain what it is like to live with JA every day for your family. The treatments today hope to help Michael, but they are not a cure.

The worst part about this disease is to know <Insert> future effects, difficulties child may face.

As a parent, it is gut-wrenching to watch your child suffer. We do everything we can to protect our children from harm, but this was something we could not protect Michael from. <Arthritis type> is an autoimmune disease, for which there is no cure. We have decided to do everything in our power to see that treatments are improved and that one day, a cure is found.

This is why we are participating in the Tampa Walk to Cure Arthritis on Saturday, May 7th at Al Lopez Park. We will come together with over 800 other walkers in a show of hope and support for the 52 million Americans living with arthritis. The Arthritis Foundation is the largest non-profit funder of arthritis research in the world and supports programs, services and opportunities for children with arthritis, such as summer camps and conferences.

There are two ways you can help us support Michael and everyone living with arthritis.

- 1) You can join our team, Michael's Marchers, which consists of friends and family who collect donations and come walk with us. To join the team please visit www.walktocurearthritis.org/ABCteam.
- 2) You can make a tax-deductible donation to support us in our efforts this year. You can send a check made out to the Arthritis Foundation to us at <Insert address> or you can make a donation right online by visiting www.walktocurearthritis.tampa.kintera.org/ABCteam.

Our team goal is to raise \$2,500 this year. Every single dollar will help bring us one step closer to a cure.

Thank you in advance for your support. We hope to see you at the Walk for a morning of fun and hope on May 7th, 2016.

Sincerely,

The Smith Family
Michael's Marchers

*Inserting a family photo
or photo of your child is a
great addition to your
letter!!*

*Email Kate Sanstrom at ksanstrom@arthritis.org to have additional sample letters emailed to you
(Letters from adults with Arthritis also available).*