



The Hunter's Hope Foundation was established in 1997 by Pro Football Hall of Fame member and former Buffalo Bills quarterback, Jim Kelly and his wife, Jill, after their infant son, Hunter, was diagnosed with Krabbe Disease (Globoid-Cell Leukodystrophy). Hunter lost his life on August 5, 2005 at age eight. The Foundation is the Kelly's lifelong commitment to increase public awareness of Krabbe disease and other leukodystrophies, as well as to increase the likelihood of early detection and treatment. The Foundation's major goal and highest priority is that every newborn in every state be tested for every possible disease, saving the lives of thousands of children through Universal Newborn Screening. The Foundation also strives to fund research efforts that will identify new treatments, therapies and a cure for Krabbe disease and other leukodystrophies.

Education and Awareness

- **Newborn Screening:** Provides advocacy for expansion of universal newborn screening from the grass roots level to state and national advocacy.
- **Demographic Study:** Provides a forum for data collection of those diagnosed with Krabbe disease.
- **Newsletter and Website:** Provides the latest news and research about Universal Newborn Screening, Krabbe disease and related leukodystrophies. www.huntershope.org

Family Assistance

- **Hunter's Homes:** Hunter's Hope has three homes near Duke Medical Center where families stay free of charge while going through the Cord Blood Transplant process.
- **Annual Scientific and Medical Symposium:** Provides the opportunity for world-renowned doctors and researchers, as well as families affected by Krabbe and related Leukodystrophies, to gather at the symposium to discuss diagnosis, genetic counseling, treatment, therapies, nutrition, family support and research.
- **Helping Hand Scholarships:** Helps with travel expenses to qualified families to attend the annual Symposium.
- **Equipment Exchange:** This program helps provide equipment to children with Krabbe and related leukodystrophies.
- **Hunter's Wish Gift:** For leukodystrophy families who just cannot make ends meet, Hunter's Hope contributes a wish gift of varying amounts.
- **Transplant Support:** Provides support to children and their families while they are at Duke University Medical Center for transplant evaluation, transplant, and transplant follow-up research studies.

Hunter James Kelly Research Institute

The Hunter James Kelly Research Institute (HJKRI) is a partnership between the University at Buffalo and the Hunter's Hope Foundation where they will study myelin, the white matter of the brain, as well as develop methods and strategies to repair damaged myelin. Not only will this research on remyelination techniques help children with Krabbe and other leukodystrophies, but also patients with Multiple Sclerosis, Stroke and other diseases in which there is white matter destruction of the brain.

The Research Institute is located in downtown Buffalo, New York, in the New York State Center for Excellence in Bioinformatics and Life Sciences at the University at Buffalo. The NYS Center of Excellence is part of the Buffalo Niagara Medical Campus. The partnership between the Hunter James Kelly Research Institute and the University at Buffalo commemorated in June 2008..

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