

2nd Annual  
Zebras

Do Exist

CHARITY 5K RUN / WALK ~ APRIL 18, 2009

Medical slang says, “When you hear hoofbeats, don’t look for zebras.” It’s their way of saying that they should look for the most obvious or common answer. However, *Zebras Do Exist!*

Zebras refer to the rare or uncommon situation. Nick and Samantha (Sami) Napier are medical zebras. Nick and Sami have an inherited disorder called Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome (EDS). EDS affects the connective tissues. Defects in connective tissues cause symptoms ranging from mildly loose joints to life-threatening complications.

Both Nick and Sami have weakness in their spines that allowed their skulls to sink onto their brains, forcing the brain out of the skull, creating an acquired chiari (cerebellum defect), and damaging the organ control centers of their brains. They have had *multiple* brain and spinal surgeries to help with their conditions. Their condition is rare and treatment is expensive and often not covered by insurance. They must travel to New York each time they need surgery.

You can make an impact on the lives of these children and their family by your participation in the 2nd Annual Zebras Do Exist 5K Run/Walk at Dorman High School’s Freshman Campus, Saturday April 18, 2009.



For more information go to:

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