

The River Edge Schools are hoping to help save the lives of suffering children and provide some sweetness to many others.



PLEASE HELP US SURPASS OUR 2008 RESULTS!

Last year, thanks to local businesses, students and parents in the River Edge schools, and other generous donors, we collected over \$5200 for the First Annual Trick-or-Treat for Tay-Sachs event! The students from the 3 elementary schools also collected 1,865 lbs. of candy, which was donated to a local food distribution center for food pantries, as well as to local soup kitchens and a women's shelters. This year, we hope to surpass these totals!

HERE'S HOW IT WORKS:

We are asking local businesses, physicians and citizens to sponsor this event by pledging a flat dollar amount. We are also encouraging merchants to display a "Coins for a Cure" collection container in their store. **All donations will be given to The Cure Tay-Sachs Foundation, an organization dedicated to raise funds to support research to treat or cure Tay-Sachs disease.** All donations are tax deductible, and receipts will be provided.

Please make all checks payable to: **Cure Tay-Sachs Foundation** and send to:
Roosevelt Elementary School, 711 Summit Avenue, River Edge, NJ 07661
Attention: Pat Hegewald

EMMA RABINOWITZ is an amazing, inspiring 5 year-old girl who lives in River Edge and suffers from Tay-Sachs. Emma's disease will prevent her from ever attending Roosevelt School with her brothers in the future. The **Trick-or-Treat for Tay-Sachs** fundraiser is being held in her honor to raise money for research to treat and cure this devastating disease.



THE FACTS

Tay-Sachs is a genetic, neurodegenerative disease that is always fatal in children. Children with Tay-Sachs stop achieving milestones by the time they are about 8 months of age, and then gradually begin to lose their skills, their vision, and the abilities to swallow and move voluntarily. Most children die by the age of 5. There is currently no treatment or cure for the disease.

- **1 in every 27 Ashkenazi Jews** is a carrier of the Tay-Sachs gene
- **1 in every 27 French-Canadians and Cajuns** is a carrier
- **1 in 50 Irish-Americans** carry the gene
- **1 in every 250 people** of the general population is a carrier

For more information about the fundraiser, please call Julie Rabinowitz 201.634.9049 or Pat Hegewald 201.960.2057
For more information about the Cure Tay-Sachs Foundation, please see the enclosed brochure or visit www.curetay-sachs.org
Visit www.caringbridge.org/visit/emmarabinowitz or www.ntsad.org for further information on Emma and Tay-Sachs disease.