

Good day,



I'm part of a committee that is currently organizing the 6th Annual Cassidy's 5K Race and Fun Walk to benefit a beautiful little girl and her family. Cassidy Nicholas was born in August 2012 with Treacher Collins Syndrome (TCS), a rare genetic disorder which resulted in the malformation of her facial bones. Cassidy suffers a severe case of TCS. This event was created to help the Nicholas family offset medical costs and to assist in procuring the necessary cosmetic procedures to rebuild Cassidy's face as she grows older.

Since her birth, Cassidy has undergone numerous surgeries including a tracheostomy at two-days-old and the repair of her choanal atresia—a procedure that created a passage from her nose to her throat. Cassidy was born without ears and relies on bone-anchored hearing aids (BAHA) to hear. The BAHA transmits vibrations to her cochlear nerve which enables her to hear. Last summer she underwent a procedure that allows her hearing aids to be anchored to her skull. The result has seen marked improvement in her auditory function. Cassidy has a tiny jaw bone that lacks hinges and growth sacs and will undergo major surgery in June. Surgeons will extract rib bone and cartilage from her torso to sculpt hinges and titanium plates will be implanted on either side of her face to give the rib bone a foundation to push against. A successful procedure will see her jaw begin to grow and develop, which will result in the removal of her trach. Future procedures include prosthetic cheek bones and ears, as well as the restructuring of Cassidy's nose and eyelids.

Cassidy is a precocious little girl who is full of life and has an infectious soul. She has the ability to draw a smile from anyone she comes in contact with and win them over with her charm and wit. She is talented, loving and funny and wishes to be a "big princess" when she grows up. At the start of last year's race, she wowed the field of runners with her rendition of "The Star Spangled Banner," moving many to tears. She has faced many obstacles in her short life and will face many more to come. With your help, Cassidy can look forward to living a life with a normal face; will you consider helping her achieve that?

For more information on Cassidy please visit: <https://www.facebook.com/Cassidys-Crusaders-131779680300237/>

The 6th Annual Cassidy's 5k Run and Fun Walk will be held on Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 11:00 AM at Sylvan Street Grille, 195 Elm Street, Salisbury, MA. We are interested in financial sponsorships as well as items that can be raffled off at our post-race festivities. All proceeds from this race will go directly to Cassidy and the Nicholas family to offset costs of her future surgeries.

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Thank you for your consideration,

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