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Dear Friends,

Ducks for Bucks is gearing up for our annual Niemann-Pick Awareness Day. This will be our fourth year of music, games, clowns, horse rides, art auctions, raffles, wine, food, and everyone's favorite – The Dainty Duck Dash, all for a worthy cause. This year's event will take place on June 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 at Wines of the San Juan. We are asking businesses and individuals in the community to once again help us by being a sponsor of this family fun-filled day.

Over the past three years, friends like you have helped us generate over \$50,000 to help families across the country, who are helplessly watching their children suffer from Niemann-Pick Disease, an untreatable and fatal rare disease that only effects 500 people in the world. Most of these children will not live to see their teen years. Because of your help, Ducks for Bucks has had the privilege of helping families with equipment needs, medical bills, and sadly even funeral expenses. We also provide travel expenses, helping families get to the Annual Niemann-Pick Disease Family Conference. Here, families can network with other families and share ideas for caring for their terminally ill children. With all the different complications associated with this disease and because of the lack of experience most doctors have with this rare disease, this service becomes a life line for families.

We know that things are hard for all of us right now and we are anxiously awaiting better times in our country. Our Niemann-Pick families are no exception to these hard times. Families with children affected by Niemann-Pick Disease simply do not have time. Many are pressured to make the most of every day even under the most difficult situations. 2009 was an especially hard year for many of the families that have been helped by Ducks for Bucks. We received many phone calls from families delivering the news that their child's time had run out and they were now learning to live without them. Just two days after we held our Annual Awareness Event in June we received word from a family informing us their son Israel had passed. Ducks for Bucks had been a great help to Israel and his family over the years as he courageously battled NPC. Shortly after that we received word that a little girl, Alexandria, had also lost her battle. She left behind her younger sister Kaitlin, who is also affected with NPC, to continue the fight with the help of her mom, dad and younger sister. Sad news continued as we said good-bye to little Brianna, age 6. Brianna's death followed her sister Bailey's who lost her battle to NPC in 2007. The late onset of this genetic disease has caught many of these families off guard and forced them into the reality that one or more of their children is affected with NPC. It is with heavy hearts that these families continue to persevere even with such loss.

Those of you who have faithfully helped us raise money in the past years have been invaluable to these families and many others who are trying so hard to make the most of both their resources

and the time they have with children. Thank you for your help in the past and for your help once again this year as we help raise awareness of this horrible disease and help families as they face the day to day life of Niemann-Pick Disease.

Enclosed is a brochure with more information about NPD and Ducks for Bucks. On the back side of the brochure you will see a breakdown of sponsorships. Ducks for Bucks is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, making this donation tax deductible for you. The brochure also informs you of the many different ways you can help. From buying a duck to becoming a corporate sponsor, together we will make a difference in these families lives by all doing what we can to help.

Please contact us if you would like more information about our organization or ways of helping. Don't forget to mark your calendar and join us on June 5<sup>th</sup> and enjoy this family fun filled event as we raise awareness and money for these courageous families.

Sincerely,

Lisa and Jami Chavez  
Alex Arnold

*In memory of  
Israel, Alexandria,  
and Brianna*



