

# Joshua's Future Of Promises

Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva

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Dear Friend,

January 4, 2013

Hello, it's me, Joshua Scoble! Remember me??? I am the little boy who was born with FOP (Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva). Just to refresh your memory, FOP is a genetic disorder which causes my muscles and ligaments to turn to bone permanently. I would like to thank you in advance for your continued support.

I am now six-years-old and in first grade. My favorite subjects are gym and health. I love to play football and baseball. This past September, I lost my first tooth! In November I had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Kaplan, the leading FOP Doctor. He says I am doing well. My flare-ups and injuries this year have been minimal, until recently. As I was walking to school, I fell on some black ice and fractured my skull, which caused a buildup of blood between my skull and my brain. After spending nearly a week in the PICU, I was finally released! I don't know about you, but they wanted me to lie in bed ALL that time!! Mom tells me it was a very serious injury which became more complicated because of my FOP. Although I am doing okay, for now, time is still crucial! Which brings me to why I am sending you this letter, I need your help to raise money for research to allow the scientists to find a cure. Your help is needed in our fight against FOP.



When I met with Dr. Kaplan, he told me lots of new and exciting things are still happening in the FOP lab. Not only have the researchers discovered the gene that causes FOP, they discovered two drug compounds that **STOP**s FOP, which ultimately will lead to the cure. This new approach provides hope to decrease and perhaps eliminate new bone growth. In fact, clinical drug trials are to begin in 2013. My website is still a good place to check on me, find out information on all the upcoming events my non-profit organization is planning, as well as, updates on research. Please be sure to check it out at: [www.JoshuasFOP.com](http://www.JoshuasFOP.com).

Right now, my Aunt Chrissy is busy organizing my 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Bingo For A Cure!**, being held on March 17, 2013, at the Allentown Fairgrounds, Agri-Plex Hall. Tickets are on sale now! We anticipate a crowd of 1000 people again this year! We are also planning our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual **Ride For Joshua's Future Of Promises! (motorcycle run)** on June 1, 2013. **All proceeds generated from all of our fundraising events will go directly to Joshua's Future of Promises which benefits the IFOPA (International Fibrodysplasia Ossificans Progressiva Association).**

Will you help us find a cure for FOP? Please consider making a donation to one or any of our upcoming fundraising events. Please refer to the next page to see the numerous ways you can help be a part of finding a cure!

Any contribution is greatly appreciated! Please remember you can mail or drop off your donation to: **Buss Paint & Wallpaper Attn: Joshua's FOP 327 Main Street, Emmaus, PA, 18049. Checks can be made payable to: Joshua's Future of Promises.** If you have any other questions please feel free to contact Chrissy at 610-349-8479 or via email [cflexer20@aol.com](mailto:cflexer20@aol.com). Thank you for your support and we hope to see you at our 6<sup>th</sup> annual **Bingo For A Cure!** on March 17, 2013!!!

Sincerely,  
Joshua Scoble

## Here is a list of different ways you can help find a cure for FOP.

**Monetary Donations** – We are accepting monetary donations in any amount. No donation is too small! These donations will be used to help cover any costs we may encounter.

**Raffle Baskets** – We are in need of baskets to raffle off, you can fill the basket(s) with anything you choose. In the past, some donors made up their basket using a theme; such as, a Crayola basket, a dog lovers basket, an Italian themed basket. The basket can be put together by you or just drop the purchased contents off and we will assemble a basket on your behalf. The basket can be made up of any items, size and value. Another way to contribute to the basket raffle is by donating a professional service. For example, painters can donate painting a room or a hair stylist can donate a cut and style, etc.

**Gift Cards** – Gift cards are needed for restaurants, iTunes, Kohl's, Wal-Mart, Wawa, etc. Any denomination is welcome. These items will be used at any of our fundraising events.

**Table Prizes** – We are in need of items and/or gift cards in groups of 24. There are 24 people per table, it is important that we receive the table prizes in groups of 24. The items should be identical in value. We have learned from previous years that individual door prizes are too time consuming. Therefore, we have come up with the idea of handing out table prizes! Each table has a number and when a winning table number is picked everyone seated at that table will win the prize. For example, last year many restaurants donated gift cards for table prizes, one being Red Robin. So when the winning table number is drawn, everyone at the table received a \$10 Red Robin gift card. This turned out to be a favorite for most businesses. Table prizes are only used at the Bingo Event.

Businesses should be aware of this cost-effective advertising opportunity! This will be the most rewarding way to advertise your business this year and help change lives!!!! We anticipate a crowd of 1000 people again this year. Space is limited so don't miss out on getting your business recognized!

**Bingo Game Sponsorship** – We are in need of individuals/businesses to sponsor our "Cash Game Prize Money." Every game of Bingo played has a "Cash" prize. There are a total of 25 games that need to be sponsored. There are **20 Regular** games with a cash prize of **\$200** and **5 Special** games with a cash prize of **\$250**. Our **Grand Prize** game will have a cash prize of **\$1,000**. If you sponsor a game your name will be printed in the program and announced during the bingo to recognize your generosity. Please contact Chrissy Flexer to reserve a game. Games are sponsored on a first come first serve basis!

There are many other ways to donate to our fundraisers, it could be as simple as attending the fundraiser, selling tickets, hanging flyers at work, soliciting donations, baking for the bake sale, or just spreading the word to raise awareness!

Any questions you may have feel free to contact Chrissy Flexer at 610-349-8479 or you can email **cflexer20@aol.com**. **Please make checks payable to: "Joshua's Future of Promises!"** All donations can be mailed or dropped off at:



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**327 Main Street**  
**Emmaus, PA 18049**

*Ride for Joshua's Future  
of Promises!*  
**Save the date - June 1, 2013**



Please be sure to include your name, address and phone number when dropping/mailing any donations. If you have a preference as to where your donation is used, Bingo or Motorcycle Run, please be sure to specify which event.

\*\*\*Please note if we receive a monetary donation for the Bingo Event after **March 1, 2013**, it will **NOT** appear in the Bingo Program.\*\*\*