

A man was walking along a deserted beach at sunset. As he walked he could see a young boy in the distance, as he drew nearer he noticed that the boy kept bending down, picking something up and throwing it into the water. Time and again he kept hurling things into the ocean. As the man approached even closer, he was able to see that the boy was picking up starfish that had been washed up on the beach and, one at a time he was throwing them back into the water. The man asked the boy what he was doing, the boy replied, "I am throwing these washed up starfish back into the ocean, or else they will die through lack of oxygen. "But", said the man, "You can't possibly save them all, there are thousands on this beach, and this must be happening on hundreds of beaches along the coast. You can't possibly make a difference." The boy smiled, bent down and picked up another starfish, and as he threw it back into the sea, he replied.



"Made a difference to that one"

— Adapted from The Star Thrower
By Loren C. Eiseley

Mission Statement

To help people with chromosome 18 abnormalities overcome the obstacles they face so they may lead happy, healthy, and productive lives.

"The fact that there were so many doctors at the Chromosome 18 Clinical Research Center wanting to share their knowledge and help us, all while continuing their research into how to make lives better for children affected by an anomaly of chromosome 18 was amazing to us."

Katie Bailey
Mother of 18q- child

"Dr. Cody and her team have taken it upon themselves to work to improve the lives of anyone living with a Chromosome 18 abnormality. Without the Research Center's work we would know very little and no one would be looking at how to improve my daughter's life."

Liz Woodfield
Mother of Tetrasomy 18p child

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CHROMOSOME 18 HERITAGE FUND

Throughout the years, you have supported the programs of The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society, and we are deeply grateful for your commitment.

Because of your dedication, families have found answers, support, and hope. We invite you to extend that impact in a meaningful and lasting way—through a legacy gift that ensures this work continues for generations to come.

By joining the **Chromosome 18 Legacy Society**, you are recognized among those who have included The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society in their estate plans. Through a will or trust, your gift helps advance research, sustain vital programs, and expand our ability to serve more families in the years ahead.

With over 80% of our funding coming from families and friends, your legacy is more than a gift—it is a continuation of care, compassion, and progress.

If this is something you've been considering, we would be honored to have a conversation with you.

"Every child deserves a chance to succeed."

Jannine Cody, Ph.D.
Founder & President



MEMBER BENEFITS

You know that your planned giving gift will help many future generations of individuals and families that are effected by Chromosome 18.

You will be recognized on a national and international level and invited to events hosted by The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society.

You will be kept informed about the work of The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society, locally, nationally and globally.

You will be listed as a member of the Society in The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society publications (unless you prefer to remain anonymous).

Get involved today!

BEQUEST

After providing for your family and loved ones, you can remember The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society in your will for a specific dollar amount or a percentage of whatever is remaining in your estate. The official bequest language for The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society is:

"I, [name], of [city, state, ZIP], give, devise and bequeath to The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society, with corporate offices at 7155 Oakridge Drive, San Antonio, TX, 78229, USA [written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property] to be used or disposed of as its Board of Directors in its sole discretion and purpose deems appropriate."

Our Federal tax ID # is: 74-2557551.

CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

You can make a gift of cash or appreciated securities, and in return, you and/or others will receive fixed, guaranteed payments for the rest of your life, along with favorable tax benefits.

STOCK & CRYPTO DONATIONS

You can donate publicly traded stock, private stock or Crypto Currency .

CHARITABLE TRUST

You can set up a trust that provides you with current income for life for yourself and/or loved ones. You will also receive favorable tax benefits. At the end of the term of the trust, The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society receives what is remaining in the trust.

RETIREMENT PLANS

You can name The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society as a beneficiary of a retirement plan, enabling you to possibly avoid substantial estate and income taxes that would have been due if left to anyone other than a spouse.

LIFE INSURANCE

You can transfer ownership of a life insurance policy that is no longer needed by your family to The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society. Or, you can make The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society the owner and beneficiary of a new policy.

DONATION OF REAL ESTATE

You can donate real estate to The Chromosome 18 Registry & Research Society. This could be residential or commercial and the Registry would manage the property through rental, leasing or perhaps sale.