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**“Dance-A-Thon for Dylan!”**

The Dylan Flinchum "Rock On!" Foundation was established to help provide love and support to Mike and Melissa Flinchum and their son, Dylan. As some of you already know, our very dear friends, Mike and Melissa (Larsen) Flinchum have a beautiful son, Dylan, who is two and a half years old. Shortly after Dylan's second birthday in January, he began to experience difficulty walking. After being referred to several medical specialists (including some of the top neurosurgeons in the country at Cornell Medical Center in NYC) it was determined that Dylan had a condition known as Chiari Malformation. Dylan underwent surgery in the spring and was expected to make a full recovery.

After several weeks of physical therapy, Dylan was not progressing as expected and began to show symptoms that were unrelated to the malformation. A follow up MRI was completed and doctors were shocked to significant change in Dylan's white brain matter. After getting the initial diagnosis from Cornell, Mike and Melissa traveled to the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP) where it was confirmed that Dylan is suffering from a degenerative disease known as Metachromatic Leukodystrophy, often referred to as MLD.

As they all prepare to cope with this horrible disease, everyone is focused on one thing, Dylan. Their goal is to make Dylan as happy and as comfortable as possible while bringing as many smiles to his face as they can. In order to best achieve this, they will likely be missing extended periods of work as well as making many trips back and forth to Philadelphia to be sure that they are providing Dylan with the best care that is offered at CHOP, the top pediatric hospital in the country. Dylan will also require special medical equipment and various types of therapy to make him more comfortable as the disease continues to progress.

The Dylan Flinchum “Rock On!” Foundation has been created as we all want to help ease just some of the burden Mike and Melissa are facing so that they can devote all their time and effort on Dylan. A Facebook page has all been created so please send your kind words and prayers to Mike and Melissa on the Foundation Page (if you have a Facebook account, search: Dylan Flinchum Rock On Foundation) as they need all of our love and support.

This is where we all come in!! We can help this wonderful family and this amazing, beautiful little boy and all we need to do is what we all love to do...DANCE!! The holidays are coming up and it is time to be thankful for our blessings and give back where we can. Please join us for a fun filled day as we celebrate the life of little Dylan!

# Let's Dance!!