

**ACMG Foundation NEWS**  
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**Leading National Genetics Foundation to Present Adapted Bikes to Salt Lake City-area Children at Heartwarming “Day of Caring” Event to be Held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, March 27 at the Salt Palace Convention Center**

Bethesda, MD— March 16, 2015—The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine and genetics professionals from around the world will be on hand to present bicycles to 19 local Salt Lake City-area children from the Shriners Hospitals for Children in Salt Lake City and Wasatch Adaptive Sports of Snowbird, Utah as part of the ACMG’s 2015 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting and Conference in the Salt Palace Convention Center, Exhibit Hall ABC, Friday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m.

The annual **ACMG Foundation Day of Caring** is sponsored by the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine, a prominent non-profit genetics foundation based in Bethesda, Maryland.

“It’s supporters like the ACMG Foundation that help set Shriners Hospitals for Children apart, and for that we’re truly grateful,” said Dawn Wright, Public Relations Manager at Shriners Hospitals for Children, Salt Lake City said. “We go to great lengths to enrich our patients’ lives beyond their medical care and equipment and encourage them to live life without limits.”

"We would like to thank the ACMG Foundation and their supporters for providing bikes and helmets to children with special needs in our community. We strongly believe in the promotion of independence and well-being through recreation and are excited to see the dream of owning a bike become a reality for our families" said Peter Mandler, Executive Director of Wasatch Adaptive Sports, which is based out of Snowbird, Utah.

“The medical genetics community is dedicated to improving the lives of children and adults with genetic conditions,” said Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG, President of the ACMG Foundation. “We are delighted that we can play a role in helping children with genetic conditions in the Salt Lake City area. What better way to demonstrate caring than by supporting children with a special surprise that helps them have some of the same experiences that their peers have.”

The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine, whose theme is *Better Health Through Genetics*, supports education, research and a variety of other programs to translate genetic research into better health for all individuals.

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The ACMG Foundation 2015 Day of Caring is supported by PerkinElmer, Shire, members of the American College of Medical Genetics and the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine.

**Note to assignment desks, news desks and editors:** *This is a wonderful photo, television and video opportunity. To arrange interviews with experts in medical genetics, local Salt Lake City-area families participating in the 2015 Day of Caring or to receive a complimentary pass to attend and cover the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, March 24-28, 2014 at the Salt Palace Convention Center, contact Kathy Beal, MBA, ACMG Director of Public Relations at [kbeal@acmg.net](mailto:kbeal@acmg.net) or 301-238-4582.*

**The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine**, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a community of supporters and contributors who understand the importance of medical genetics in healthcare. Established in 1992, the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine supports the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics; mission to "translate genes into health" by raising funds to attract the next generation of medical geneticists and genetic counselors, to sponsor important research, to promote information about medical genetics, and much more.

To learn more about the important mission and projects of the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine and how you too can support this great cause, please visit [www.acmgfoundation.org](http://www.acmgfoundation.org) or contact us at [acmgf@acmgfoundation.org](mailto:acmgf@acmgfoundation.org) or 301/718-2014.

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