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**Prominent Genetics Foundation to Present Adapted Bikes to Children from Muscular Dystrophy Association at Heartwarming "Day of Caring" Event to be Held at 10 a.m., Friday, March 22 at the Phoenix Convention Center**

Bethesda, MD, USA – March 4, 2013| The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine and genetics professionals from around the world will be on hand to present bicycles to local Phoenix-area children from the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) as part of the ACMG's 2013 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting and Conference in Exhibit Hall BCD of the Phoenix Convention Center, Friday, March 22 at 10 a.m.

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

MDA Director of Health Care Services Maureen Salloom thanked the Foundation for the gift, "Thank you so much to the ACMG Foundation for providing bicycles to children with neuromuscular diseases. Our families are very grateful for this generous donation, as buying a customized bicycle would not be feasible due to high medical bills and other financial obligations. Without this donation, some children would never have had the experience of riding a bike, she said, "The Association's research, health care services, advocacy and education programs provide help and hope to more than 1 million Americans affected by more than 40 progressive neuromuscular diseases."

The medical genetics community, including physicians, genetic counselors, and other genetics health professionals are 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 neuromuscular disorders enjoy the pleasure of owning a new bike like so many other children their age."

"What better way to demonstrate caring than by supporting children affected by genetic disorders with a special surprise. Having and riding a bike is right of passage in a kid's life -- we're happy we can make that possible."

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.

The ACMG Foundation 2013 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.

To view television coverage of last year's Day of Caring visit TheACMGChannel on Youtube at: [www.youtube.com/theacmgchannel](http://www.youtube.com/theacmgchannel).

**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, the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Arizona, local families participating in the 2013 Day of Caring or to receive a complimentary pass to attend and cover the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting in

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March 2013 in Phoenix, AZ, 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** ([www.acmgfoundation.org](http://www.acmgfoundation.org)), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is a community of supporters and contributors who understand the importance of medical genetics and genomics and genetic counseling in healthcare. Established in 1992, the ACMG Foundation supports the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics' mission to "translate genes into health" by raising funds to promote the profession of medical genetics and genomics to medical students, to fund the training of future medical geneticists, to support best-practices and tools for practicing physicians and laboratory directors, to promote awareness and understanding of our work in the general public, and much more.

Founded in 1991, the **American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics** ([www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net)) advances the practice of medical genetics and genomics by providing education, resources and a voice for more than 1400 biochemical, clinical, cytogenetic, medical and molecular geneticists, genetic counselors and other healthcare professionals committed to the practice of medical genetics and genomics. ACMG's activities include the development of laboratory and practice standards and guidelines, advocating for quality genetic services in healthcare and in public health, and promoting the development of methods to diagnose, treat and prevent genetic disease. *Genetics in Medicine*, published monthly, is the official ACMG peer-reviewed journal. ACMG's website ([www.acmg.net](http://www.acmg.net)) offers a variety of resources including Policy Statements, Practice Guidelines, Educational Resources, and a Medical Geneticist Locator. The educational and public health programs of the American College of Medical Genetics are dependent upon charitable gifts from corporations, foundations, and individuals.

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