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Leading National Genetics Foundation to Present Adapted Bikes to Seattle Area Children with Genetic Conditions at Heartwarming “Day of Caring” Event to be Held at 10:30 a.m., Friday, April 5th at the Washington Convention Center

BETHESDA, MD – March 13, 2019 | The ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine and genetics professionals from around the world will be on hand to present bicycles to local Seattle-area children from the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF) and Little People of America (LPA) as part of ACMG’s 2019 Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting and Conference in the Washington Convention Center, Exhibit Halls 4ABCD, Friday, April 5th from 10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

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

“We are so grateful to ACMG for choosing UMDF families to receive these wonderful bicycles,” said Brian Harman, President and CEO of the United Mitochondrial Disease Foundation (UMDF). “We know exercise helps keep our mitochondria healthy, so this generous gift of bicycles is very much appreciated.”

“There are few activities more beneficial for children’s health and sense of accomplishment than riding a bicycle. Due to the generosity of ACMG and the Day of Caring, our Seattle area children with dwarfism can now safely and confidently ride bicycles adapted to them, giving them the freedom and heart pumping fun many of us take for granted. For two years now, we’ve seen the joy on the children’s faces as they sit on their custom fit bikes for the first time, and we could not be more excited to participate again this year,” said Mark Povinelli, President of Little People of America.

“The Day of Caring is one of the highlights of the ACMG Meeting, reminding us of the people who live with the genetic conditions we are studying and for which we provide care. This is our chance to rededicate ourselves to the care of all persons with genetic conditions,” said Bruce R. Korf, MD, PhD, FACMG, President of the ACMG Foundation.

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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 2019 Day of Caring is supported by PerkinElmer, members of the American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics and the ACMG Foundation for Genetic and Genomic Medicine.

To learn more and support the ACMGF mission to create "*Better Health through Genetics*," please contact Nicole O. Bell, ACMG Foundation Manager, at nbell@acmg.net or 301-718-9604 or visit acmgfoundation.org

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 Seattle-area families participating in the 2019 Day of Caring or to receive a complimentary pass to attend and cover the ACMG Annual Clinical Genetics Meeting, April 2-6, 2019 at the Washington Convention Center, contact Kathy Moran, MBA, ACMG Senior Director of Public Relations at kmoran@acmg.net.

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.

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