

MEDIA ALERT



Community Rallies for Wheelchair-Bound Six Year Old with Little-Known Disease *The Brandon Motta 5K Race and Fun Walk Scheduled for Saturday, September 20*

- WHO:** Six-year-old Brandon Motta suffers from a debilitating neuromuscular disease called CMT
- WHAT:** Brandon Motta 5K Race and Fun Walk, sponsored by NBC 10 and Benjamin Moore
- WHEN:** Saturday, September 20, 2008, beginning at 8:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** Colt State Park, Bristol, R.I.
- WHY:** Community members will participate in the 5K and Fun Walk to help raise money for necessary renovations at the Motta home.

Available for interviews:

- Michael Motta – Brandon’s father
- Ron Coleman – Brandon’s Uncle
- Pat Livney – Chairman and President, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association
- Pat Dreibelbis – Medical Liaison and Patient Services, Charcot-Marie-Tooth Association

Photo Opportunities: Wheelchair-bound Brandon Motta supported by family, friends and community members participating in a 5K and two-mile fun walk at Colt State Park.

BRISTOL, R.I. – August 27, 2008 – Brandon Motta, a six-year-old from Riverside, suffers from Charcot-Marie-Tooth, a neuromuscular disease that has confined him to a wheelchair since age two. CMT is the most commonly inherited neurological disorder affecting an estimated 2.6 million people, however it is frequently misdiagnosed. The disease causes a gradual loss of normal use of feet/legs and hands/arms.

In 2007 Brandon underwent a life-saving surgery that resulted in a tracheotomy. Brandon is now on a breathing vent and requires continuous care. The first Brandon Motta 5K Race and Fun Walk, sponsored by NBC 10, will raise money to help Brandon’s family better equip their home for his care.

For additional information, visit www.charcot-marie-tooth.org and www.helpbrandon.com or contact:

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