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Dear Future Sponsor,

Please let me introduce you to Grey's Gift Memorial Foundation. My name is Nicole Morris and I am its Vice President. More importantly, I am Grey's mom.

The mission of Grey's Gift Memorial Foundation (GGMF) is to educate the community to the importance of Newborn Screening so that no other child dies, or is disabled, from a treatable disorder. We can only do this by obtaining funds to promote newborn screening education. We need your help.

On October 18, 2014, GGMF is hosting its third annual "Grey's 5K - For Little Texans." Raising just over \$14,000 from our second run, we are excited to see where our next 5K will take us. Our theme this year is "Saving Babies Across Texas!" and participants will be able to dress as their favorite superhero.

There are currently just over 7,000 rare diseases identified, affecting 30 million people in the U.S. alone; 75% of those affected are children. Texas has the capability to screen newborns for 52 of the 55 recommended disorders: disorders that are *treatable* when caught at birth. Texas chooses to screen for only 31, placing us last in the nation. In Texas alone, more than 125 babies a year born with a treatable disorder go undetected, resulting in disability or even death.

In June of 1999, our son Seth was born. Thanks to newborn screening, his disorder (PKU) was screened for, detected, and treated. Today, Seth is a healthy, intelligent young man. In December of 2008, his brother Greyson died of Krabbe Disease just six days shy of his 1st birthday. Unlike PKU, Texas chooses not to screen for Krabbe Disease even though it is treatable. In the wake of Grey's loss, family and friends rallied to expand Texas' newborn screening program. In June of 2009, Texas Governor Rick Perry signed into legislation HB 1795, "Greyson's Law," increasing the number of treatable diseases screened for at birth from 29 to 52. Unfortunately, our state funding was taken away due to budget cuts and only 2 disorders were added, Cystic Fibrosis and SCID (Severe Combined Immunodeficiency).

Please consider supporting our foundation. Sponsorship opportunities are available. In-kind donations are also welcomed (groceries, supplies, etc.).

Please visit [www.greysgift.org](http://www.greysgift.org) to donate, learn more about Grey, Krabbe Disease, and newborn screening. If you have any questions regarding sponsorships, please call (830)660-2897.

Forever Grey's Mom,  
Nicole Morris

