





# SPONSORSHIP FORM 2011

Thank you so much for raising funds on behalf of Action Duchenne. These funds will be used to further our campaign and to fund research to find a cure for Duchenne.

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Please Gift Aid my donations to Action Duchenne\*

Please make all cheques payable to 'Action Duchenne Ltd' and return to Action Duchenne Ltd - Epicentre - 41 West Street - London E11 4LJ. Thank you.

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### What is Duchenne?

Duchenne is a severe Muscle Wasting Disease for which there is no cure. The condition is usually diagnosed in early childhood and affects mainly boys with rare instances in girls developing the disease. Many young boys are in wheelchairs by the age of 10 and by their teenage years most young people are fully paralysed. Young people living with Duchenne will face a short life expectancy and often die in their late teens early 20s. On average two boys a week are born with the disease and two young people will die from Duchenne. We don't want to lose another generation of young people to this terrible disease, and we want to end the devastation that families face knowing that their son's muscles will waste away and he is likely to die as a young adult.

### What hope for the future?

For the first time the dream of a treatment for Duchenne is a realistic possibility. New genetic research is under way in the UK to find ways of replacing or fixing the faulty dystrophin gene. But progress is still hampered by the lack of funding needed to take this research forward to a body-wide treatment for young people with this devastating disease.

### What's Action Duchenne all about?

Action Duchenne is the leading charity in raising awareness and funds for research for a cure or treatment for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy.

- ◆ So far we have won £1.6m of funding from the Department of Health which has helped fund the first clinical trials of a gene therapy in the UK.
- ◆ Action Duchenne is leading a campaign to win a further £20m of funding from the UK government.
- ◆ Our annual International Conference brings together young people with Duchenne, their families, international researchers, clinicians and health professionals.
- ◆ There is a high correlation of Duchenne suffers also having learning and behavioural problems. Action Duchenne is funded by the big lottery and children in Need to run a new and cutting edge education programme to support these young boys educational needs
- ◆ Action Duchenne is funded by the V project to work with young volunteers between the age of 16-25 to work on local community project and for young people living with Duchenne to have greater participation
- ◆ Action Duchenne has funded 6 major projects for £350,000 and led the development of the £2.2m MDEX exon skipping project. Action Duchenne has recently established the ZF Partnership with drug discovery company Summit.
- ◆ We organise workshops and information for parents, young people with Duchenne and family members to ensure that the best medical care is available to all Duchenne patients across the UK.

Your sponsorship donations will help us to continue our campaign and fund research for a cure for Duchenne.

