



**Dane Christian Phelps**  
December 21, 2004 – June 25, 2008

May 18, 2015

Dear Friends:

The Foundation for Ichthyosis & Related Skin Types, Inc.<sup>TM</sup> (FIRST) is a national non-profit organization dedicated to helping individuals and families affected by ichthyosis. Ichthyosis is a group of rare genetic skin diseases that affect more than 16,000 babies each year. The condition is characterized by very dry, cracked, scaling and thickened skin. In addition to the medical implications, ichthyosis is a very visible disorder. Affected individuals must also handle the psychological factors attributed to their appearance.

As members of this Foundation, and parents of a child, Dane Christian Phelps, who lost his life due to the severity of his condition, we are committed to helping find better treatments, increasing research, and supporting programs for affected individuals and families. That is why we are writing to you today. **We are hosting our fourth annual benefit concert, Dane's Friends for FIRST Concert Event, on Saturday, September 12, 2015 at the Flint Center for the Performing Arts in Cupertino, CA.** The goal of this event is to raise awareness and funds for the Foundation. Our son Dane was affected with and suffered terribly from this disorder, yet his spirit was beautiful. We want to spare others the heartache we have experienced. Our loss is huge, but our greatest joy is in knowing that his life can still make a difference for others.



**Please support our efforts by contributing whatever you are able. Monetary donations as well as goods and services are welcome, as we will be running silent auction and raffle tables at our event. All proceeds are being raised on behalf of the Foundation and will go a long way to supporting their programs and services.**

Your donation is fully tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. We will be providing a report to the Foundation of all donations, or you may print, fill out and send in an In Kind Donation Form provided on our website at [www.danesfriendsforfirst.com](http://www.danesfriendsforfirst.com). You will receive a letter from the Foundation for your tax purposes.

If you would like more information about the Foundation, kindly visit their website at [www.firstskinfoundation.org](http://www.firstskinfoundation.org). You may also check out our event website at [www.danesfriendsforfirst.com](http://www.danesfriendsforfirst.com).

We thank you in advance for your consideration. If you require additional information or have any questions, please feel free to contact us at [Danesfriendsforfirst@gmail.com](mailto:Danesfriendsforfirst@gmail.com).

God bless,

Suzanne and Eric Phelps