



Huntington's Disease Society of America

& the UNE College of Osteopathic Medicine Emergency Medicine Club:

Ballers Against Ballisms 2010 a Shoot-a-thon to help People with Huntington's Disease

Date: November 15, 2010
Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM
Location: Campus Center Gym

This is an event for the entire UNE campus to help those affected with a devastating disease, and in the process, to prove who is the best shooter on campus!

Students from across the University will gather sponsorships for their shooting prior to the event, then come to the Campus Center gym on the evening of the shoot-a-thon to shoot 100 foul shots within a time limit of 30 minutes. Each shooter will sign up with a partner who will serve as a second shooter as well as a rebounder/witness.

After both you and your partner shoot, report your score to the scorekeeper, as well as your sponsors, and sponsors can donate directly through your page on the First Giving Website:

<http://www.firstgiving.com/hdsa-me/Event/2011hoop-a-thon> based on the number of shots made.

The player with the highest score will receive the 2010 Ballers Against Ballisms championship trophy, and bragging rights as the best shooter on campus.

Dangerously short on game? Then offer to sponsor your classmates either per shot or for a lump sum donation.

To sign up for a shared, 1-hour time slot with your rebounder, go to

<https://spreadsheets.google.com/a/une.edu/cc?key=0Ar8PlyLu8VOAdHhadEV4OHR0cktxN0hJZERqZG83MkE&authkey=CJ3v5rkF&hl=en#gid=0>

If you have any questions about the event, e-mail Justin Etter at jetter@une.edu.

About the Huntington's Disease Society of America

The Huntington's Disease Society of America is the largest 501(c)(3) non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to improving the lives of everyone affected by Huntington's Disease. Founded in 1968 by Marjorie Guthrie, wife of folk legend Woody Guthrie who lost his battle with HD, the Society works tirelessly to provide the family services, education, advocacy and research to provide help for today, hope for tomorrow to the more than 30,000 people diagnosed with HD and the 250,000 at-risk in the United States. Notably, HDSA funds the HDSA Coalition for the Cure, a collaboration of 16 international researchers, as part of the HD Drug Research Pipeline, which develops potential therapies to treat and eventually cure HD; and HDSA also supports 21 Centers of Excellence at major medical facilities throughout the U.S., where people with HD and their families receive comprehensive medical, psychological and social services, in addition to physical and occupational therapy and genetic testing and counseling. The Society is comprised of 38 local chapters and affiliates across the country with its headquarters in New York City. Additionally, HDSA hosts more than 140 support groups for people with HD, their families, caregivers and people at-risk, and is the premiere resource on Huntington's Disease for medical professionals and the general public. To learn more about Huntington's Disease and to get involved in HDSA, please visit www.hdsa.org or call 1-800-345-HDSA.

What is Huntington's Disease?

Huntington's Disease (HD) is a devastating, hereditary, degenerative brain disorder that results in a loss of cognitive, behavioral and physical control, and for which, presently, there is no treatment or cure. HD slowly diminishes the affected individual's ability to walk, think, talk and reason. Symptoms usually appear in an individual between 30 and 50 years of age and progress over a 10 to 25 year period. Eventually, a person with HD becomes totally dependent upon others for his or her care, and can develop severe movement disorders, termed "ballisms." More than 30,000 people in the United States are currently diagnosed with HD and 200,000 are at-risk. Each of their siblings and children has a 50 percent risk of developing the disease. Although medications can relieve some symptoms in certain individuals, research has yet to find a means of conquering or even slowing the deadly progression of HD.

How do proceeds benefit HDSA?

All proceeds gathered through participants' First Giving websites support HDSA's fight to improve the lives of people affected by HD and their families.