Dear Families,

May I recall you that next <u>May 14 will be the international remembrance day of all the children</u> affected by the chromosome 14 syndromes:

Number 14, because this is our chromosome,

MAY, because this is the month when our association was founded back in 2002

Like last year we therefore ask every family in the world to devote to this day a moment or a special initiative in honour of our children and to involve in it friends and relatives.

You may think of many initiatives: funds collection through dinners or performances or stands or even suggest silent moments of prayer or meditation, a party among friends, a barbecue, anything will do provided during such day you dedicate a moment to our children.

Last year this initiative gave us the chance to gather a total amount of € 21,217,00 thanks to the efforts put in by 9 families of our association worldwide, namely :

- Messrs DeWoody Lafayette from US, fundraising dinner for US\$ 15,255 = € 11,760
- RING14 Reggio Emilia Headquarter Italy, solidarity stands, € 3,000
- Messrs Deguisne Haréville, France, flower market for € 1,400
- Donation by an Italian family of € 1,000
- Messrs Venditto, Como, Italy, fundraising dinner for € 1,450
- Messrs Dessy Lennik, Belgium, stand at a judo contest for US\$ 260
- Messrs Mortier, Marseille, France, motorbike race for € 1,130
- Messrs Tandy, Geneva, Switzerland, marathon, € 217
- Messrs Bermudez, Madrid, Spain, fundraising dinner for € 1,000

...BUT WE ARE MANY MORE THAN THIS.....

So cheer up and do your best so that this special day be really a moment of strong unity and commitment for the dissemination and the fundraising in favour of the scientific research for our children!

This initiative is backed by RING14Italia and RING14 USA, to which you can apply in order to obtain more information and advertising material.

Like last year you can ask in advance for our gadgets and the advertising material to be sold during this day by writing to presidenza@ring14.it; please to this **in advance** to avoid delays caused by shortages or delays in shipments.

Like last year, we all will be aware that MAY 14 will unite us wherever we are. During that day a chain of love and solidarity will cross the oceans and will bring us closer to each other, we will realize that many people in the world have our children in their minds and pray for them.

PLEASE DO THAT YOU TOO AND INVOLVE YOUR PARENTS AND YOUR FRIENDS : OUR CHILDREN DESERVE THIS

With best regards

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