

Purses for Progeria

Thank you for your interest. For more information on the purses please send email to purses4progeria@comcast.net. Please know that all proceeds from the sale of these hand-knit, felted purses goes to The Progeria Research Foundation.

The mission of The Progeria Research Foundation is to discover the cure and effective treatment for Progeria and its aging related disorders. Progeria is a fatal "premature aging" disease that afflicts children, who die of heart disease at an average age of 13 years.

Thank you for your support. Together we WILL find the cure!



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The Purses for Progeria Story



What is Progeria?

My grandson, Cameron, was diagnosed with this rare disease a short time after birth. Progeria is a disease of premature aging with the life expectancy of afflicted children barely reaching 13 years. Within a few years after birth, Progeria children experience stiff joints, hip dislocation, atherosclerosis, and ultimately succumb to heart disease.

Why finding a cure is important?

A cure for Progeria will treat children afflicted with Progeria and in the process this cure has the potential to help millions of older people who also suffer from heart disease and other aging-related conditions.



So, children like Cameron have many more birthdays!

Why Purses for Progeria?

Having created and knitted felted purses for several years, my friends encouraged me to sell my purses for Progeria—and Purses for Progeria was born! Here was a way I could make a contribution by selling my purses and giving all the proceeds to The Progeria Research Foundation. I threw myself into the project and am thrilled to have a means to help. Purses for Progeria is thriving thanks to the help of volunteer knitters from all over the country. Our mission is one of hope and joy. Together, we WILL find a cure!

The research is promising!

We are hopeful as we observe the beginning of a most promising clinical drug trial. This drug trial offers Progeria children and their families hope for the future. For the first time since the disease was identified 120 years ago, there is a possible treatment for Progeria.

The Progeria Research Foundation must raise approximately \$2 million to fund this clinical drug trial. It's exciting that as of April 2008, \$1.6 million has been raised so far. A contribution to The Progeria Research Foundation will pay for the cost of travel, lodging, food and clinical testing in Boston for clinical trial participants and their families, who must travel to Boston 4 times a year for the 2 years the trial will last. Your financial support will make the clinical drug trial possible. Together, we WILL fund the clinical drug trial.

Four (4) ways you can contribute:

1. Make a tax deductible donation on-line or through the mail at:

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2. Buy a "Purses for Progeria" purse
3. Volunteer to knit by contacting purses4progeria@comcast.net
4. Put money in the "Coins to Cure Progeria" container

