



# Channeling In

The Newsletter of the IDEA League

## Research Grant Awarded to Vanderbilt Scientist

By Karen Glenn

We are very pleased to announce that on April 1, our 2010 Research Grant was formally awarded to Dr. Jing-Qiong (Katty) Kang from Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee, USA. Dr. Kang and her study were chosen following an industry-standard, objective and scientific scoring process by the IDEA League Scientific Review Committee, composed of 11 noteworthy medical scientists from around the world.

Dr. Kang's study, *Toward Understanding the GABRG2 Truncation Mutations Associated with Epilepsy and Dravet syndrome*, seeks to understand 1) why the truncation mutations in

GABAA receptor g2 subunit cause epilepsies, and 2) why some mutations cause mild febrile seizures, while the



Dr. Jing-Qiong (Katty) Kang

others cause more severe epilepsies, like Dravet syndrome. The characterization of the altered

signaling pathways of these misrouted and misfolded GABAA receptors, which result from truncation mutations, may help to 1) understand why Dravet syndrome is different than other mild epilepsies caused by the same gene mutations; 2) elucidate the vaccine damage in those children with Dravet syndrome who had an encephalopathy with refractory seizures and intellectual impairment after vaccination; 3) solve the long time enigma of the relationship between hippocampal atrophy and epilepsy (which comes first, the chicken or the egg?); and, 3) identify a potential novel therapy for treating Dravet syndrome.

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## The 2010 Family Conference is Coming!

By Angie Mimms

Don't miss your chance to learn about the latest advances in research and treatment for Dravet syndrome from leading world experts at the IDEA League 2010 Family Conference Aug. 26-29 in Greenwich, Connecticut, USA.

Dr. Charlotte Dravet is scheduled to be among the experts sharing laboratory and therapeutic advances for Dravet syndrome and related epilepsies. Other highlights include personal consultations with doctors, a sibling workshop, and sessions on challenging behaviors, education advocacy, caregiving,

insurance and more. Plenty of social time is built into the agenda as well to allow families to interact. The registration fee includes all meals and is \$175 per person if you are staying on site at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich. The registration fee is \$200 if you stay elsewhere. Childcare will not be provided, but playrooms with toys and activities for children and their caregivers will be available.

More information regarding physician consultations will be forthcoming.

A conference agenda and online registration is available

at [www.IDEA-League.org](http://www.IDEA-League.org). For hotel reservations, call 800-233-1234 and mention the IDEA League to get the discounted room rate of \$144. We are committed to paying for a certain number of rooms, so please stay with us here if you can!

For more information about the conference, please contact [conference@IDEA-League.org](mailto:conference@IDEA-League.org) or 443-607-8267. Bring your family and join the IDEA League family in August. See you there!

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**IDEA League**  
International Dravet Syndrome Epilepsy Action

The voice for Dravet syndrome.

Our IDEAL is a Cure



Laura Cossolotto  
IDEA League President

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Anna and Angie Mimms

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## Letter from the President

By Laura Cossolotto

The leadership of the IDEA League understands the challenges facing patients and families living with Dravet syndrome or related forms of epilepsy. Our Board of Directors, including myself, are parents of children with Dravet syndrome and deal with the same issues as our membership. This insight allows us to prioritize advocacy issues and to implement programs that are making a difference in the lives of our members. It is exciting to see how effective we are when partnering with our members to accomplish our mission.

We are an international partnership of families and professionals working to improve the quality of life and outcomes for patients by: 1) providing accurate and up-to-date education and information, 2) providing patient and family support, 3) funding and supporting medical research, and 4) increasing awareness and

advocacy for this challenging condition.

The one area that I, as President, am most focused on is advocacy. Most of my time is spent promoting Dravet causes and the needs that patients and families face around the world. Some of the ways that we promote this is by gathering data and documenting trends within our membership and sharing this information with families, clinicians and researchers. We inform families of research trends and opportunities so that caregivers can be effective medical advocates for patients. We advocate to help develop new treatments worldwide and monitor their progress through clinical trials, orphan drug designation and government approvals. We are leading a grassroots effort for third party payment of medications by both public and private insurers and we then teach families how to do this for themselves. And

finally, we are participating with other leading epilepsy organizations in forming a collaborative community initiative called Vision 2020, (see related article on page 5)

Here are a few of our recent advocacy accomplishments: helped families to obtain treatment reimbursement throughout the United States; assisted a doctor in Israel with information to obtain reimbursement for treatment from a leading HMO; and campaigned the Ontario government to approve coverage of stiripentol.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**  
Please join us in advocating for Dravet patients, caregivers and families. There are many opportunities to do this and I welcome the opportunity to discuss this with you. Please contact me at [laura.c@idea-league.org](mailto:laura.c@idea-league.org)

## Come Home

By Angie Mimms

On June 5, 2008, we received the news that our then-9-year-old daughter, Anna, had Dravet syndrome. It was a long-sought diagnosis that came after seemingly endless attempts to control devastating seizures. Two months later, armed with the diagnosis and some traveling clothes, I drove from Kentucky to Chicago for the 2008 IDEA League Conference.

I drove more than 300 miles, but in many ways, I felt like I had come home—home to children who reminded me of

Anna, home to families who understood, home to people who could make life better. I was in awe of these intelligent parents with endless energy who knew so much about helping their children. I sat in session after session and learned from experts so much about issues our children and families face.

That conference—the things I learned and the people I met—changed our lives. Anna is now on medicines that have greatly reduced her seizures. We have respite care. We have Medicaid. We have set

up a special needs trust. We have taken Anna to see a Dravet syndrome specialist. We have been on a Make-A-Wish trip. Anna has friends who have Dravet syndrome. I have friends with children who have Dravet syndrome. After feeling alone for many years, we are part of something bigger.

Please join us in Connecticut this August. Be part of something that is changing the outcomes for our children. Come home to the IDEA League 2010

## Encouraging Words From Our Founder

By Joan Skluzacek

Some years ago, a friend invited me to join her Bunco club. I did not know what Bunco was. She said, "It's a social event, a party, a blast! A bunch of moms get together once a month, leave our kids and worries behind, fall off our diets, and bond and get silly over a mindless dice game." Her intentions were wonderful – she knew I needed more easy-going social opportunities. But I thought to myself, "She doesn't understand how hard it would be for me to get free." I tried to explain, and regretfully turned her down.

The cost of Dravet syndrome in terms of quality of life for our children and families would be exceedingly difficult to measure. Dravet syndrome affects every aspect of our families' lives. In a recent survey, 86 percent of parents caring for a loved one with Dravet syndrome reported experiencing grief over this loss. The grief tends to be persistent over the long term. It waxes and wanes in cycles that repeat as the affected individual progresses through the various stages of the illness. To achieve the best possible outcomes and quality of life for our children and ourselves, we must cope with the illness through adaptation and resilience. No small task.

The barriers we face to adaptation and resilience include uncertainty, access to information, financial stress, fatigue, and social isolation. **Uncertainty** is related to delays in diagnosis, a shortage of medical professionals well-versed regarding Dravet syndrome, and variability in the clinical course and outcome of this spectrum disorder. Problems with **access to information** are related to the need for more knowledge about the disorder

and hesitation by medical professionals to educate families about its difficult realities. **Financial stress** - Dravet syndrome is a very expensive disorder. We struggle with the cost of laboratory and radiologic testing; pharmacological, dietary, and device-based treatments; speech, occupational and physical therapy; monitors and service dogs; orthotics and wheelchairs, communication devices and the cost of travel to see specialists. And I haven't even mentioned emergency room or ICU care, much less saving for the patient's future. We experience **fatigue** related to the need for complicated care, often around the clock, and the cost and availability of appropriately trained respite care can be prohibitive. All of these factors can contribute to **social isolation** for the care provider(s). In addition to time constraints, we struggle with concerns that many situations in the community may be unsafe or unaccommodating for our children and the emotional consequences that can be part of trying to participate in mainstream communities where people may not understand our situation. We may even grapple with feelings of guilt over trying to have some separate pleasure in our own lives in the midst of our children's struggle.

The IDEA League has led the effort for change over the past five years, and we are making progress. Together, we are promoting earlier diagnosis, improved treatment and comprehensive care for family members affected by Dravet syndrome. We are engaging in and supporting research to enrich the knowledge available about this disorder and networking to share it

among families and professionals. We are searching and advocating for financial resources for our families and collaborating to help one another obtain them. In the process, we are establishing a community of fellowship with others who have true insight to our daily lives. One of the most important ways that we do this is through our biennial conferences. These are special opportunities to come together as an international group and collaborate face-to-face. Many families who attended the 2006 and 2008 conferences found the experience to be life-changing. The next chance to participate in an IDEA League conference is coming up in August. I hope as many of us as possible will be able to join in the experience.

During the coming months of anticipation, I look forward to continuing to connect with you in the Family Forum and other friendly places on the web. Last fall, a friend invited me to be her neighbor in Farmville. I did not know what Farmville was. She said, "It's a social networking game on the web. We connect with friends who we hardly get to see. We exchange messages and cute little animals and help each other with virtual barn raisings. We bond and get silly over a mindless flash game." These days, when I am sitting by Nick waiting for sleep to come or a post-ictal period to pass, while others play Bunco, I can have a chat on the forum or visit 'Dravet moms' and other friends on their 'farms.' I feel a little more fellowship and a little less isolation.



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*—Dr. Jing-Qiong (Katty) Kang*



*Team Dravet 2010*

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## Research Award, *continued from page 1*

“I had an extraordinary experience when I was invited to give a speech at the IDEA League’s 2008 conference in Chicago,” shares Dr. Kang. “I was very touched by the devotion of the parents and families of the IDEA League toward understanding and finding a cure for this catastrophic disease. Our work on GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor gene mutations has revealed some clues that there may be a potential new paradigm for treating genetic epilepsy, including Dravet syndrome. This research award from the IDEA League will help us find the molecular basis of how these GABA<sub>A</sub> receptor gene mutations contribute to the pathophysiology in patients and test a potential therapeutic strategy for these patients. I really hope that

through our collective efforts we can bring a cure closer for these families.”

This two-year, \$30,000 award was funded thanks to the generosity of numerous individuals and companies supporting the IDEA League in our efforts to improve the outcomes of children with Dravet syndrome and related conditions. Future research awards will be named in honor of patients, families and companies raising \$30,000 for their specific award. To date, the Haley Smith Research Fund, Derek Rudawsky Research Fund, and Ryan Smith Research Fund have been established. One hundred percent of the money raised for these funds will go directly to research and will contribute to the better

understanding and treatment of Dravet syndrome and related conditions. For more information on how you can create your own named research fund, please contact our executive director, Marilyn Baker at Baker@IDEA-League.org.

We look forward to progress reports from Dr. Kang on her research, which will be published in upcoming editions of the newsletter. Our sincere thanks to all of the donors who generously supported this award, to all those working so hard to raise money to support future research, and to Dr. Kang for her excellence in pursuing the answers we all seek.

## Team Dravet

By Krista Lazott and Angie Mimms

Families affected by Dravet syndrome, their relatives and friends met Saturday, March 27 in Washington, DC, USA for the National Walk for Epilepsy and walked away with top honors for the most participants on an individual team.

Team Dravet boasted 57 walkers officially, though more joined the group and donned the signature bright orange caps. With thousands of others, Team Dravet walked in the annual event organized by the Epilepsy Foundation to create awareness and raise funds for epilepsy research, education, advocacy and support. This was the team’s third year participating in the event .

The walk route, just over two

miles, took walkers around the National Mall, a large park in the heart of the US capital holding monuments and memorials and rimmed by museums. Spring blooms, including the city’s famous cherry blossoms, made the brisk, bright morning even more beautiful.

Team Dravet walked with a banner to raise awareness for Dravet syndrome. Behind the banner, parents pushed their children in strollers, some walkers strolled hand-in-hand, and others walked in clusters. Along the route, the team stopped for a video interview to tell the story of Dravet syndrome. After the walk, team members shared a picnic lunch on the Mall. Lisa Oelmann Smith did an amazing job of coordinating

hotel rooms, the lunch and other details. On the day before the walk, some of the families went sightseeing together and took a swim at the hotel. Later, families gathered in a hotel room for pizza and conversation.

“Nothing beats time spent with other Dravet families,” Lisa said.

Thanks go out to Lisa and to all of the families who took the effort to participate in this event. The time together and the money raised for research and education was amazing, but the show of support and solidarity was nothing less than priceless.

## Vision 2020 Update

By Karen Glenn and Joan Skluzacek

On March 25, 2010, IDEA League representatives Joan Skluzacek, Founder and Marilyn Baker, Executive Director met with other leaders in the epilepsy community to further the initiatives of Vision 2020.

Vision 2020 is comprised of stakeholders concerned with the advancement of epilepsy care and research that have self-organized as a collaborative group to work together on mutual goals. Participants in this meeting included representatives of professional organizations such as the American Epilepsy Society and the International League Against Epilepsy,

private-sector organizations such as the Epilepsy Foundation and Citizens United in Research for Epilepsy (CURE), and US government agencies, including the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Initiatives of Vision 2020 include: a) the development of a common public awareness message regarding epilepsy that is supported by data; b) collection of data about epilepsy; c) petitioning the Department of Health and Human Services for the commission of a report on epilepsy from the Institute of

Medicine, and d) examination of the implications of health care reform for the diagnosis, treatment and comprehensive care of persons with epilepsy.

Vision 2020 is committed to addressing the full spectrum of epilepsies, including severe childhood syndromes that can lead to brain damage and death. The IDEA League is pleased to be a part of this important effort to increase understanding of epilepsy and to serve as the voice for patients and families struggling with Dravet syndrome and related conditions.

## In the Spotlight

By Paula Lyles

I'm quite sure we've all laughed out loud a time or two after reading one of Dek Amson's posts on our Family Forum. He's one funny guy, passionate about running and football, and even more passionate about his five-year-old son, Riley.

The Amsons live in the little town of Crewe in Cheshire, England. Meely is a nurse, and after studying epilepsy part-time for three years at Leeds Metropolitan University, Dek works with adults with learning disabilities.

Dek says Riley's Dravet syndrome story began with a status febrile seizure and hospitalization in October of 2004--Riley was seven months old. Dek describes the rest of Riley's first year as a blur of ambulance rides and hospital stays. Before his first birthday, Riley began taking Epilim/

Depakote. By 18 months, Riley's development was on target or a bit above. Dek and Meely, had almost put the thought of seizures behind them when Riley suffered a frightening status episode while on a family outing in Blackpool.

At 22 months, Dek and Meely were told by Riley's nursery that he was no longer keeping up with his peers; in fact, he had lost some skills, and his speech and learning were slowing. Riley became withdrawn from his peers and his behavior became repetitive. By age four, Riley was diagnosed with autism.

Things are looking up for Riley these days. He currently attends Winsford Street School, a mainstream school with an Autism Spectrum Disorder component, and is doing very well. Frustration

can be an issue for Riley, but his speech is improving, and his vocabulary is growing. Dek describes Riley as being a bit unsteady on his feet and without any "road sense" at all; regardless, Dek, Riley, and Meely enjoy many outings together. Riley has an affinity for light switches and water; and according to Dek, has blown tons of fuses and has watered and ruined about everything in sight! The perfect day for Riley would be spent at the seaside paddling in little lapping waves.

At five years old, Riley can count to 20 pretty well, knows his colors, and has memorized several books. Dek considers Riley "a savory type of guy" when it comes to food preferences, as his current favorites are chicken tikka marsala, fish and chips, mushy peas, hoola hoops and

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*Riley and Dek Amson*

*...Dek and Meeley are determined to give Riley all the life experiences they can...*



## Chapter Corner

By Karen Glenn



*IDEA League UK Trustees meet*



*IDEA League UK Mom's enjoy a well-deserved evening out.*

*We appreciate the great work our chapters are doing to more fully meet the unique needs of families around the world. If you are interested in starting a chapter in your country or region, please contact Marilyn Baker, Executive Director, at Baker@IDEA League.org for more information.*

In this new section of *Channeling In* we will highlight the work being done in affiliate chapters of the IDEA League. The IDEA League currently has two chapters: IDEA League UK, established in 2008 and IDEA League France, established in 2009. A Dutch affiliate is currently being formed.

### IDEA League UK

The IDEA League UK has recently opened their first UK research account. From now on, 20 percent of all income will go directly into this account and their professional advisors will be approached when they have a significant figure to donate to research.

After meeting with a representative from the organization 'Contact a Family', they have now had confirmation that Dravet syndrome will be included in the 2010 edition of their Rare Disease Directory. This directory is made available on line or in a book format. The IDEA League UK is listed as the contact association. Contact a Family is the organization that most professionals will direct families to when they receive a rare diagnosis. The entry was authored with advice and assistance from the UK Professional Advisors.

The IDEA League UK will be holding a family conference on Saturday, Nov 6, 2010 from 9am - 5:30pm at the Effingham Park Hotel, Copthorne, West Sussex. Registration fees are £10 per delegate and £20 per professional delegate, which includes refreshments throughout the day and a hot and cold three-course buffet lunch. Speakers for the conference include Professor Helen Cross, Dr Elaine

Hughes, Dr Sameer Zuberi, and Dr Rima Nabbout. There will also be presentations on Parent Partnership, parent views and sibling views.

Additional speakers to be announced. All IDEA League UK families are invited to attend. The IDEA League UK is currently looking for sponsors for the conference.

The IDEA League UK family holiday is also coming up. It will be held June 18 - 21 at the Sherwood Forest Centerparcs Resort.

A team of 4 cyclists will represent the IDEA League UK in a Paris to Geneva cycle ride in September. Additional team members are welcomed for this 4-day cycle challenge, which will raise funds for the organisation.

Anyone interested in further information regarding IDEA League UK events may contact Marie Baker at marie.b@IDEA-League.org.

### IDEA League France

Thanks in part to a new internet site, the IDEA League France has grown to 90 members. Those members have been divided into three geographical regions to encourage local gatherings and family support, one of the group's top priorities. The north region, which includes Paris, met Feb. 20. The west region met in Rennes, Brittany, on March 13. And a gathering is being planned for Lyon. A board member attended the gatherings, which have been held for parents at restaurants to enable them to talk and get to know each other. To further help families, the chapter has initiated an informal buddy, or sponsorship, program to welcome new families. The

chapter plans monthly or bi-monthly gatherings in Paris, where the largest number of families reside.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) is slated for October.

Other activities include conference participation. Executive Committee Members Olivier Parsy and Sue Goodliffe attended the conference *Dravet Syndrome—Severe Myoclonic Epilepsy of Infancy: 30 Years Later* held in Verona, Italy, in October. Olivier also presented at the conference. President Meryl Asselino attended a conference organized by Epilepsie France, where she served as a panel member of a round table session for rare epilepsies alongside Dr Charlotte Dravet.

The organization is working on an initiative to help improve the availability of emergency medications in the schools, a significant issue for the French families.

IDEA League France is working to build contacts with other groups, including Epilepsie France, special needs organizations, Orphanet (an organization for rare diseases and orphan drugs) and commercial organizations who provide funds to charities. It is also working to build contacts within the chapter. Member Stéphanie Legras has designed an in-depth questionnaire to assess members' needs, concerns, priorities and expectations. It also will identify members who may be able to help with the group's various activities. The response has been excellent.

## In Loving Memory

By Joan Skluzacek

Hannah Gabrielle Chapman of Hillsboro, Texas, USA died Sunday, January 17, 2010 following status epilepticus. She was 8 years old.

Hannah, born May 30, 2001, was the beloved daughter of David and Marcey Chapman and sister of Kyle and Zachary Chapman. Throughout her young life, Hannah struggled with refractory seizures and other symptoms characteristic of the sodium channel epilepsy spectrum. When she was 7 years old, a diagnosis of Dravet syndrome was proposed and her mother joined the IDEA League forum for families of patients with a

tentative clinical diagnosis. Hannah passed away before genetic testing was completed.

Besides her family, the things Hannah enjoyed most in life were school, music, church and her devoted service dog, Koolio. She attended Franklin Elementary and Hillsboro Elementary schools where she quickly learned the routine and was a leader in keeping the class on task and learning. She was a member of First United Pentecostal Church of Hillsboro. She loved the *Revelation Song*, which she called "I Sing". Another favorite was "How

Far" (*East to West* by Casting Crown). Hannah loved everybody. Though she had difficulties with speech, her charm and charisma won her many friends.

Hannah's legacy to her family is a joyful way of life. With Hannah, they learned to celebrate everything. They didn't wait for big accomplishments that would be thought significant by others, rather they celebrated many smaller successes that might easily be overlooked. Her life was joyful because they celebrated all the time.



*Hannah Gabrielle Chapman*

May 30, 2001–January 17, 2010

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## Amson family spotlight, *continued from page 5*

chocolate. Riley is following in dad's footsteps, running his first 5K on Easter Sunday in under 40 minutes with lots of bribing from dad. Impressive!

Typical seizures aren't what worry Meely and Dek the

most, although Dek admits they find them "bloody inconvenient", it's the ever present threat of SUDEP and status seizures and caring for Riley when he's grown and the person he will become. Still, Dek and Meeley are

determined to give Riley all the life experiences they can, including a possible trip to the United States in the next five years. We'd love to have you visit anytime, Amson family!

## Family Wins Monitor Thanks to Donation from Emfit

On April 2, 2010, the IDEA League held a drawing for an Emfit Movement Monitor. All early-bird conference registrants were entered, and the lucky winners were the Fitzgerald family of Minnesota, USA. Paul and Sara Fitzgerald have two children with Dravet syndrome—Grace, and Thomas—and will certainly be able to put the monitor to good use!

The Emfit Movement Monitor is designed to alert to unusual movement during sleep and can be a helpful tool for detecting nocturnal seizures and giving caregivers greater peace of mind. Tremendous thanks to Emfit, Corp. for their generous donation!

## Notification

A nominating committee has been formed and is conducting a search for qualified candidates to be nominated for IDEA League Board positions that will be open for the coming term. Board elections will take place during the IDEA League Family Conference August 26-29, 2010 in Greenwich, Connecticut, USA. If you have questions or recommendations, please contact IDEA League President, Laura Cossolotto at [Laura.C@IDEA-League.org](mailto:Laura.C@IDEA-League.org).

*Note: Mention the IDEA League when you purchase an Emfit Epilepsy or Movement Monitor, and 10 percent of the purchase price will be donated to our cause!*





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## Please Help Us Help Families Fighting Dravet syndrome!

As the official patient advocate support organization, the IDEA League looks forward to making further progress in the understanding and treatment of Dravet syndrome and related pediatric epilepsies. To do so, we need your help...without the critical support of patient families and other dedicated parties, there will be no victory over this devastating condition.

- **Join** us in fighting Dravet syndrome by giving us your contact information so we can show force in numbers! Joining us gives the medical community information on how many 'Dravet Families' are fighting this disorder. We can also notify you of medical updates, action for advocacy, upcoming events, and opportunities to receive support. Register with us by contacting Baker@IDEA-League.org.
- **Volunteer** with us in an area where you can contribute your passion and talents. We are in need of volunteers to help with this summer's conference, advocacy, awareness, education, patient & family support, and funding research. Let us know if you would like to help.
- **Support** our work financially so that we can hurry to find effective treatment options that will help stop the seizures and end this disease. Your support will also help us to do more advocacy, more awareness, and offer more support to families. We also welcome any gifts-in-kind that you are able to contribute to our office! To make a donation, visit us at www.IDEA-League.org and click on the Donate Now! Button.

**We would love to hear from you!**

**Please get in touch with us to discuss the different ways you can get involved, share your ideas, and make a difference.**

**Contact Executive Director, Marilyn Baker, at 443.607.8267 or Baker@IDEA-League.org**

## Dates to Remember

Month	Date	Event	Location
<b>MAY</b>	6-9	5th Annual Dravet Mom's Weekend	Indianapolis, Ind, USA
<b>JUNE</b>	18-21	UK Family Holiday Sherwood Forest,	Centerparc, UK
<b>JULY</b>	3	National Center for Young People with Epilepsy Family Conferenc—IDEA League UK exhibiting	Manchester, UK
	23	Twass the Night Before Christmas: A Fundraiser to Benefit the IDEA League	Avon, Ohio, USA
<b>AUGUST</b>	26-29	IDEA League Family Conference	Greenwich, Conn, USA
	29	Derek's Dash A Benefit for the IDEA League	Colorado, USA
	29	Annual Chester Challenge Cycle Ride A Benefit for the IDEA League UK	Chester, Cheshire, UK
<b>OCTOBER</b>	5-9	Matthew's Friends Global Symposium And Family Conference IDEA League UK exhibiting	Edinburgh, Scotland
<b>NOVEMBER</b>	6	IDEA League-UK Conference	East Sussex, UK