



PERTHES BRIEF

May 2020

Here is the latest news from Perthes Kids Foundation...

- **Perthes Kids Foundation** continues to closely monitor the current COVID-19 pandemic. At this time, we are still hopeful that all our camps will take place this year. We will make our final decision regarding **Camp Perthes USA** in June. *IF* we make the decision to cancel this year's camp, all registered families will be notified via email (at least 30 days before camp dates). You can find PKF's public statement [here](#).



- **NORD** (National Organization for Rare Disorders) has established the **NORD COVID-19 Critical Relief Program** to provide assistance with non-medical, essential expenses to rare disease patients who have been directly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information, and to see if you meet the eligibility criteria, please visit rarediseases.org/for-patients-and-families.

- Want to give back and help with Perthes research? **The International Perthes Study Group** and **PKF** want to hear from you! If you are age 18 or over and had Perthes as a child, please visit www.pertheskids.org/survey for more information on how you can participate. Help us reach our goal of 1,000 participants- thank you!



- Applications for our 5th **Camp Perthes Australia** are now open! Aussie & Kiwi Perthes Warriors- get ready for a bigger camp, with even bigger fun, at our new location in Brisbane, Queensland, Australia! Applications will be accepted through June 7th, 2020. For more information, please go to pertheskids.org/camp.



- For the second year, **Perthes Kids Foundation** is proud to present the **Perthes Kids Fly Free Program** in partnership with **Miracle Flights**, which will reimburse a child's domestic airfare (US residents only) to attend Camp Perthes USA in Irvine, CA. This program was established to help those families that need financial assistance with travel costs in order for their child to attend. You can find more information, as well as applications, at pertheskids.org/flights. The application deadline has been extended to **June 13th, 2020**.

- **MEET OUR PERTHES KIDS FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBER:** We would like to introduce you to **Julie Woods**, member of the Board of Directors for our PKF Chapter Down Under, **Perthes Kids Foundation Australia & New Zealand, Ltd.** Julie became involved with Perthes disease through her son, who was diagnosed with bilateral Perthes at the age of four and a half. Julie has been a camp volunteer every year since our first camp in Australia. Julie also acts as an administrator on both the Perthes Disease Support Group Australia Facebook page, which aims to support people through all stages of their journey with LCPD, and the Camp Perthes Australia Facebook page. For more information on **PKF Australia & New Zealand, Ltd.**, please visit pertheskids.org/au.



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