



I am writing to respectfully request a dress-down fundraiser on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in support of the Dup15q Alliance.

February 28<sup>th</sup> is the designated "Rare Disease Awareness Day" across the world. The main objective of Rare Disease Day is to raise awareness amongst the general public and decision-makers about rare diseases and their impact on patients' lives. The suggestion is, "Rare Your Blue for Dup15q" to demonstrate the impact genetic disorders have on not only those impacted, but their families as well. The suggested donation is anywhere from \$5-\$15.

My child is diagnosed with the rare genetic disorder dup15q syndrome, and this money would be donated directly to the Alliance. People with dup15q syndrome have extra genetic material from chromosome 15, which causes a variety of symptoms including autism, seizures, developmental delays, low muscle tone, and cognitive impairment. The Dup15q Alliance supports and educates the families of people with dup15q syndrome as well as others not directly affected by it. They support research and efforts to develop targeted treatments to help anyone living with dup15q syndrome, reach their full potential.

Here's a little more about the Alliance: [www.dup15q.org](http://www.dup15q.org)

Thank you for your consideration!

Respectfully,