



PERTHES BRIEF

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



• **THANK YOU** to everyone who participated in the **2nd Annual Virtual Fun Run/Walk benefitting Perthes Kids Foundation & Camp Perthes International!** We had more than 300 people that walked, ran, rode, rolled, skipped and crawled in order to raise awareness for our Perthes Warriors all around the globe! Your efforts and contributions raised more than \$4,000.00! Way to go!

- We recently wrapped up our 4th annual **Camp Perthes Australia** on Friday, October 4th. It was an incredible week at QCCC Mapleton, and we were very excited to see our Aussie & Kiwi friends! We had a fantastic week filled with so many activities- from canoeing and the Giant Swing, to carnival bingo, pirate treasure hunt, Australia Zoo, the Survivor Challenge, and so much more! We would like to thank **Dr. David Bade** of Queensland Children's Hospital for attending our Panel Discussion and sharing your time and expertise with our Camp Perthes Families! Thanks for the wonderful memories, everyone~ See you next time!



- **Earl Cole**, president of **Perthes Kids Foundation**, attended the Global Genes RARE Patient Advocacy Summit in San Diego, CA (September 18-20) to network and meet other rare disease organizations and industry executives. PKF made some great new connections during the summit and is proud to represent Perthes Kids amongst the more than 7,000 rare diseases that exist today! #CareAboutRare



- **MEET OUR PERTHES KIDS FOUNDATION GLOBAL AMBASSADORS:** We are pleased to introduce **Gary Stevens**, Hall of Fame Jockey and PKF Global Ambassador. Diagnosed with Perthes disease around six years of age, Gary spent more than a year and a half in a brace. Gary was determined, even as a young child, to not let Perthes stop him! He learned to ride a bike with one leg. He helped his father, who was a horse trainer, groom the horses he trained. In high school, Gary was a wrestler but quit to pursue a career as a jockey. Gary's professional racing career lasted four decades and had total purse earning of over \$220 million. Thank you, Gary, for advocating for PKF and for being an incredible role model for Perthes Kids everywhere! To learn more about Gary Stevens, please visit www.pertheskids.org/stories.



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