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RETT SYNDROME: A different kind of "female" disorder
--Nonprofit engages youth and girls during October's Rett Syndrome Awareness Month --

Girl Power 2 Cure is a non-profit organization dedicated to raising awareness and research funds for Rett Syndrome, a severe neurological disorder which is the most physically disabling form of autism and strikes primarily girls. The condition randomly strikes another baby girl every 90 minutes, leaving them unable to speak, walk or use their hands. Medical experts consider Rett Syndrome research the key to understanding related disorders such as Parkinson's and Alzheimer's.

Girl Power 2 Cure, Inc. was started in 2006 by Ingrid Harding, mother of a little girl with Rett Syndrome, with a mission to raise awareness and funds to combat a disorder that affects close to half a million girls and women worldwide.

"All kinds of groups are joining in our Girl Power 2 Cure movement: Girl Scouts, schools, girl's and women's clubs and even Roller Derby Teams," says Harding, Founder and Executive Director.

Considering Rett Syndrome has been proven reversible in lab mice, awareness isn't just about learning about this devastating syndrome, it is about joining in a winnable fight. Rett Syndrome is poised to be the first curable neurological disorder.

About *Rett Syndrome*:

Rett Syndrome is a severe neurological disorder that almost exclusively affects females. Every 90 minutes another little girl is born "normal," only to be robbed of her ability to speak, walk, crawl, and use her hands between the ages of 1 and 3. Complications include seizures, sudden death in their sleep and scoliosis.

Rett Syndrome is caused by a single spontaneous gene mutation that any baby girl has an equal chance of acquiring. It is considered the most physically disabling of the autism spectrum disorders and is as prevalent as Cystic Fibrosis, ALS and Huntington's Disease. There is no treatment, but in 2007 researchers proved in the lab that Rett Syndrome can be reversed, giving it the potential to be the first curable neurological disorder and playing a key role in understanding other neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's, Schizophrenia and Parkinson's.

About *Girl Power 2 Cure*:

Girl Power 2 Cure's mission is to make Rett Syndrome the first curable neurological disorder by harnessing the spirit of girls as community leaders to raise awareness and funds for research in support of fellow girls who are suffering.

Girl Power 2 Cure supports girls in the planning and implementation of events that raise awareness and funds for Rett Syndrome research, such as ***Dress Up 2 Cure*** and ***Garden of Hope***. **Learn more: www.GP2C.org**

About *The Rett Syndrome Research Trust*:

Funds raised that are allocated for research go exclusively to support The Rett Syndrome Research Trust, Girl Power 2 Cure's research partner. The Rett Syndrome Research Trust is a nonprofit organization intensively focused on the development of treatments and cures for Rett Syndrome and related MECP2 disorders. The strength of the Trust is based on the guidance of founders and advisors who are largely responsible for the major advances in Rett research over the past decade. The goal of the Rett Syndrome Research Trust is to deliver clinical trials of a novel treatment strategy within five years. **Learn more: www.RSRT.org**

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