

**Sample of a fundraising appeal letter you can share on social media, email, or use for a regular mailing.**



Dear Family and Friends,

Thank you so much for all of your love, support, and prayers over the last few months/years. We are writing you to ask for your support for the neurofibromatosis cause. As you may know, **our daughter Jane was diagnosed with neurofibromatosis type 1 or NF1** this past January.

Her doctors found what they consider a low-grade brain tumor on her optic nerve as a result of this disorder. Jane has been undergoing chemotherapy treatment and will continue over the course of the year in hopes to stabilize the tumor's growth to keep her eyesight intact. She also undergoes MRIs every three months to note the progression of the tumor. She is a true inspiration and shows such bravery and strength at such a young age!

**Neurofibromatosis is a set of genetic disorders** of the nervous system that causes that growth of tumors to form on nerves anywhere in the body. NF affects 1 in 2,000 people worldwide. It can cause many symptoms and affects each person differently. Currently, there is no cure for this disorder.

Like many living with NF, we are learning to take things one day at a time. We are hoping for **a future that will bring us new opportunities** for treatment and eventually a cure for this disorder. This is where you, our family and friends come in. You play an important role in helping us to get that much closer to this goal.

In honor of Jane, we have for a team called "Join for Jane". We will be honoring her by **walking for a cure in the Walk4NF event on Saturday, May 30, 2026 at the Stephens Lake Park in Columbia, MO**. We are walking to help raise awareness about neurofibromatosis (NF) and to raise funds to support NF research.

NF Midwest is the local regional non-profit that C.A.R.E.S. to help improve the lives of people with NF. By donating to my page, **YOU are helping in this mission of C.A.R.E.S.—Clinics, Awareness, Research, Education, Support.**

**Thank you so much for your generosity** and helping us "Join for Jane" to raise NF awareness in the hopes of finding a cure! Please remember that no donation is too small — it all makes a difference. We encourage you to forward this to anyone who may also wish to donate to the cause. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for standing with us.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Joe and Jean Smith