



# Column of Hope

Chiari & Syringomyelia Research Foundation

## Announces the Seventh Annual WNY Gala, “Working Toward a Day Without Pain”

Proceeds again will provide funds for  
important research projects

**Join us on October 17, 2009, 6:00 PM – 11:00 PM**  
**Dinner and Live & Silent Auctions**  
**Hyatt Regency Buffalo, NY**  
**716- 856-1234**

Column of Hope is a tax exempt, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to searching for better understanding, treatments, and cures for Chiari malformation, syringomyelia, neuropathic pain, spinal cord injury, and related conditions.

Proceeds from previous Galas have allowed COH to be at the forefront of research. We cosponsored an NIH research conference attended by many of the world’s leading CM/SM scientists. The highlights of that conference included Dr. Stoodley’s syrinx formation breakthrough which has been funded by Gala proceeds, and a study from The Chiari Institute, near NYC, hopefully solving the mystery of the many failed Chiari surgeries. We are pleased to be funding both of these leading research activities in 2009. This year we have linked the world renowned Buffalo genetics scientist, Norma Nowak, PhD, with former Buffalo surgeon, Pankaj Singhal, MD, at the Marshfield Clinic to attempt to find the genetic cause of Chiari malformation.

**A special guest room rate of \$119.00 has been  
arranged at the Hyatt Regency Buffalo for our  
guests.**

Contact Hyatt Reservations toll free at  
(800) 233-1234.

Be sure to mention that you are with **Column of  
Hope** when making your reservations

**This rate will be available until September 23,  
2009**

[www.columnofhope.org](http://www.columnofhope.org)

You can plan to take part in Column of Hope's fundraising effort to help *stop the pain* by:

- 1) Attending this important event by purchasing tickets. Please fill out the following form and order your tickets now.
- 2) Inviting your friends, family and doctors. Please call (716-674-2065) or e-mail Barbara Kane at [Barbara\\_Kane@ColumnofHope.org](mailto:Barbara_Kane@ColumnofHope.org) for invitations.
- 3) Soliciting or donating items for the auctions and silent raffle. Please call or e-mail Barbara Kane (see #2 above)
- 4) Soliciting or buying corporate sponsorships. Please call (716-633-7022) or e-mail Mark Kane at [Mark\\_Kane@ColumnofHope.org](mailto:Mark_Kane@ColumnofHope.org) for information.
- 5) Donating program printing or other needed services.
- 6) If you are unable to attend and would like to make a donation or sponsor a guest affected by the disorders, please fill out the attached form and mail your donation to Column of Hope at the address below.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
E- Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to order \_\_\_\_\_ seats @ \$110 each = \_\_\_\_\_

I cannot attend but I would like to donate: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ # of sponsored seats \_\_\_\_\_  
Check payable to Column of Hope      MasterCard      Visa

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Cardholder \_\_\_\_\_

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Fax to: 716-632-0522 or  
Mail to: Column of Hope c/o The Kane Firm, 5225 Sheridan Dr., Williamsville, NY 14221

**Thank you for your support!**