

How To Create A Firstgiving Page

To fundraise for Costello Syndrome Family Network



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About Supporters (16)

To overcome the challenges of Costello Syndrome

Tax ID
02-0622876

Address
1702 Tyndall Dr
Panama City, FL 32401

Website

Like You and 52 others like this.

Start Fundraising

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Costello Syndrome Family Network
\$49,186 raised since 2015
19 fundraisers
385 donors

About this nonprofit
Costello Syndrome Family Network
1702 Tyndall Dr
Panama City, FL 32401
EIN: 02-0622876
Mission
To overcome the challenges of Costello Syndrome
Donate directly to this nonprofit
Donate

Click here

Create an account by filling out this form.

If you have previously had a Firstgiving account, choose Sign in with email or Sign in via Facebook.

Make sure to remember your e-mail login and password so you can sign in later.

Click Next

Your FirstGiving account

Email address
name@example.com

Name
First Last

Billing address
Address line 1
City State ZIP code
United States

Choose a password
Password
Retype password

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Next

Choose a nonprofit
Create your campaign
Create page

Select country first and selections might change to province

Click the radial button next to Costello Syndrome Family Network
Click on Next

Your FirstGiving account

Choose a nonprofit

Select a Nonprofit

Costello Syndrome Family Network (Panama City, FL)

Can't find your nonprofit?
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Next

Create your campaign

Create page

Click create a new campaign.

Click “I’m fundraising in honor of a loved one”.

Enter the name of the person you are fundraising in honor or in memory of.

Choose a date when you want the page to stop taking donations.

Your FirstGiving account

Choose a nonprofit [edit](#)

Create your campaign

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Join an public event or campaign

Why are you fundraising?

I'm taking part in an organized event

I'm celebrating a personal occasion

I'm fundraising in honor of a loved one

I'm doing my own thing

Please tell us about the person you're remembering

Firstname Lastname

When should your page stop taking donations?

12/31/2050

Next

Create page

Choose a date far in the future if you want to continue to use the same page. Or you can choose a date after the conference if you want to set up a new page each time.

Enter a page title, an image, a story, fundraising URL, and your fundraising goal. Then click on Submit.

You can see story examples if you go to

<http://www.firstgiving.com/15555/fundraisers>

Your FirstGiving account

Choose a nonprofit edit

Create your campaign edit

Create page

Page title*

Westin's Fundraising for the 2017 Costello Syndrome Conference

Select an image or upload your own*

   [Upload new photo...](#)

Your story*

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Hi everyone!

Thank you for visiting my fundraising page! I am collecting donations for our exciting 2017 Costello Syndrome Conference in Orlando, Florida. The conference will be held July 25-30, 2017. We have conferences every other year in the U.S. I have been able to attend the last three conferences and they were so much fun. I can't wait for this next one! I will get to meet lots of doctors and researchers and participate in their studies on Costello Syndrome. I will also get to see all of my fellow friends with Costello Syndrome from around the world.

The donations go directly to Costello Syndrome Family Network to pay for the conference or to help fund research for Costello Syndrome. It is very expensive to host a big conference so the donations go towards the conference rooms, a small gift for the researchers, meals, childcare, printing the program, etc. This donation is tax deductible in the U.S. If I get enough donations, then my Mommy and Daddy can get their conference registration fees waived.

I was diagnosed with Costello Syndrome when I was 4.5 months old. I spent 30 days in the hospital my first year and have already had 7 total surgeries on my throat, tummy, brain, spinal cord, and legs. Costello Syndrome is a rare genetic disorder affecting 1 person out of every 381,000 people (only 500-1000 people worldwide)! It affects most of my systems. I had a feeding tube in my stomach that I received my nutrition from for almost 3 years. I used to vomit up to 5 times a day. I have a 1 in 6 chance of developing cancer as a child so I have to do tumor screenings every 3 months. 85% of Costello kids have heart issues. So far I don't have heart issues but I still have to get heart echocardiograms and EKGs every 6 months to 1 year to check. I am growth hormone deficient so I have to take growth hormone shots every night. I have extra fluid and crowding in my brain so I have to get brain MRI's every year. I used to stand on my tip toes so I had a surgery so that I can stand on flat feet. I was almost 3 before I could walk. My speech is delayed so I am working hard trying to say new words. I just started kindergarten this year. I am having a blast! I spend part of my day in the kinder classroom and part of my day in the special education room. I have physical therapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy twice a week. I actually have 18 different doctors (pretty much every specialty there is) to help keep me put together!

In my free time, when I am not attending doctor appointments, eating, or attending school or therapy, I like to go to the park, go grocery shopping, fly in an airplane, read books, look at pictures of myself on the iPad, watch school bus videos on YouTube, and watch Daniel Tiger.

Donating to the Costello Syndrome Family Network through this website is simple, fast, and secure. Just click on the big "Donate" button. You can also give Mommy and Daddy a check payable to "Costello Syndrome Family Network" if you prefer to pay by check. Just send them to: Angel Thomas, 13233 Zen Gardens Way, Austin, TX 78732.

Many thanks for your support -- and don't forget to forward this to anyone who you think might want to donate too!

Thanks again!

Westin Thomas (along with Mommy Angel and Daddy Stephen and Sister Haydon)

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What should your fundraising page URL be?

firstgiving.com/fundraiser/westinthomas/costellosyndrome3

How much do you plan to raise?

\$ 10000.00

Submit

Make sure to save your personal fundraising page URL so you can share it.
Click on an icon to share right away via Facebook, Twitter, or email!
Don't forget to re-share!

Your Personal Fundraising Page Is Live

Your page has been created. Here's your Page address to share with friends:

<https://www.firstgiving.com/fundraiser/westinthomas/costellosyndrome3>

Let's get your fundraising started! Promote your page now:



Save your e-mail and password information so you can come back in at any time and edit the page, enter offline donations, etc.
After the page is setup, click on Your Account in the upper right to customize your thank you message, add photos/video, etc.

The screenshot shows a fundraising account dashboard. On the left, a 'Your Account' tab is active, displaying 'Your fundraising' information for 'Westin's Fundraising for the 2017 Costello Syndrome Conference' with a current amount of '\$0.00' and an 'Edit' button highlighted by a red box. The main dashboard has a navigation bar with 'Home', 'Your Fundraising', 'Your Donations', and 'Profile' tabs. A table shows fundraising statistics: 'Westin's Fundraising for the 2017 Costello Syndrome Conference' with 'Raised online' at '\$0', 'Raised offline' at '\$0', 'Total raised' at '\$0', and a 'Goal' of '\$10,000'. Below the table are three buttons: 'Donate to your own page', 'See who's donated', and 'Enter offline donations', with the last one highlighted by a red box. A 'Manage Your Page' section contains four options: 'Edit your story', 'Add photos & video', 'Change your goal', and 'Customize your thank you message', all within a red-bordered box. A 'Send Your Page to Friends' section includes 'Send your page via email', 'Send your page via Facebook', and 'Manage your contacts'. Below this is a 'Post Your Page' section with 'Post on Facebook', 'Post on Twitter', and 'Grab a widget'. At the bottom, a notice states 'Your page will stop accepting donations on Dec 31, 2050' with a link to 'Cancel this fundraising page'.

Your Account

Your fundraising

Westin's Fundraising for the 2017 Costello Syndrome Conference
Costello Syndrome Family Network

\$0.00 **Edit**

Home Your Fundraising Your Donations Profile [Sign out](#)

	Raised online	Raised offline	Total raised	Goal
Westin's Fundraising for the 2017 Costello Syndrome Conference View live	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$10,000

Donate to your own page See who's donated **Enter offline donations**

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Example of a customized thank you message is below.





Home Your Fundraising Your Donations Profile Sign out

Edit Your Page save and continue >

Page Name
In memory of
Fundraising goal \$


Story

Source       



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Donations

Show this donor information on my page:

- Donor name
- Date
- Amount
- Comment

Thank you message

This message is sent to everyone making a donation to your fundraising page

You made my day!

Thank you very much for your generous donation to the Costello Syndrome Family Network. I can't tell you how much this means to me and my family and all of the people with Costello syndrome.

Costello Syndrome Family Network is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and its mission is to overcome the challenges of Costello syndrome. This organization plans the conferences every other year, connects families, and promotes research. We cannot wait to visit with other families at the 2017 International Costello Syndrome Family Conference in Orlando, Florida!

Thank you so much from the bottom of our hearts!

Westin, Angel, Stephen, and Haydon Thomas

Send me a confirmation email whenever anyone donates to my page

save and continue >