

Shoestring Update

Issue 1

Ellicott City

Saturday, December 5th
Centennial Park
10000 Route 108
Ellicott City, MD 21042

Baltimore

Sunday, December 6th
Du Burns Arena
1301 S. Ellwood Avenue
Baltimore, MD 21224

Event Dates

Meet the Honorees



Amanda and Melissa are 16 year old identical twins from Glenelg, MD. While Amanda had been diagnosed with juvenile arthritis at age 2, Melissa had an aggressive introduction at age 10. Prior to their recent use of biologic medications, they tried numerous medications without success, which greatly affected their daily activities. Both twins are involved in the Arthritis Foundation's Advocacy program, traveling to D.C. to

lobby for the passage of the Arthritis Prevention, Control and Cure act. This legislation that make a difference in the lives of children who don't have the opportunity to get necessary care and medications to control their disease. There are nearly 300,000 children nationwide who have arthritis with only 200 pediatric rheumatologists to care for them. Amanda and Melissa want to change this statistic. Part of the A.P.C.C. Act



Amanda and Melissa, along with AF volunteers, visit Senator Ben Cardin during the 2009 Advocacy Summit.

proposes more federal funding for

these critical health professionals. Help support their mission by forming a team, committing to raise funds or volunteer. With your support, we can make a difference for those living with arthritis.

Team Recruitment

If you haven't already, get started forming your team! Our new website features tools to assist with recruitment and fundraising.

www.arthritis.org

Fundraise with Facebook!



Add us on facebook and post the new tool to your profile to find your teammates and create your fundraising goals! Arthritis Foundation, Maryland Chapter.

Funds to Date

To Date: \$44,278

Total Goal: \$95,000

A very special thank you to our top sponsors who help us reach our goal!



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