



All the way from Iowa...

You don't have to be in Texas to participate in Run to the Sun. Team Taylor ran with us towards a cure for Batten in Iowa! Heather Groth, team captain for Team Taylor reports:

"My son Taylor has late infantile Batten disease. We are from Battle Creek, Iowa, and we signed up for the virtual run not only to support him, but all other children who suffer from this horrible disease. What a great time we had! We are proof that even from a small town a thousand miles away from the relay, there is still a way to help! We received many personal donations from family and friends, but our biggest success was our garage sale. Our local firemen let us use their station to hold the event and people from our community came together to donate items and bake goods for the sale. Rather than pricing items, we made it all free-will donations and what an amazing turn-out we had! We also set up a walk/run in Ida Grove to be held the same weekend as Run to the Sun in Texas. Due to our wonderful Iowa weather, we had to postpone for a week because of snow. Local stores donated water and cookies and to advertise, we made flyers and sent a copy home with all the children from the school district. We were very pleased with the support we had from everyone. The walk was awesome and Taylor was even able to join us as the weather was perfect! I encourage everyone, no matter where you are from or how small of a community you come from, to get involved. We are excited for next year already!"

Thanks Team Taylor! If you or someone you know is interested in participating in Run to the Sun 2014, but can't make it to Texas, we encourage you to create a [virtual team](#) and run with us- wherever you are!

