

# LOWE SYNDROME TRUST

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The Hampstead based charity, The Lowe Syndrome Trust, was delighted to be selected as one of ICAP's chosen charities to attend the ICAP charity Day on 7th December in the City of London. The Lowe Syndrome Trust, a very small charity, was supported by Jonathan Ross who is a Trustee and has been with the charity since its beginning in 2000 and Patrons Penny Lancaster Stewart, Tony Hadley, Lisa Voice and Andy Gommarsall at the event. Rod Stewart also attended to support the charity in its endeavours to raise funds to support vital research into Lowe Syndrome, an incurable children's disease which affects the brain, eyes, kidneys, bones and muscles.

The day was a great success raising a record 12.75 million pounds worldwide. Rod, Penny, Jonathan, Tony and Andrew, all joined in the fun of the day brokering many trades to help elevate the amount raised. The Lowe Syndrome Trust will fund continuation research at Imperial College London with the donation from the days activities. To find out more and how you can help the Lowe Syndrome Trust call 02077948858 or visit [www.lowetrust.com](http://www.lowetrust.com)

Note: The Trust funds research into the rare, incurable and debilitating childhood disease, Lowe Syndrome, and over the last decade, although small, it has been the world's lifeline for research into a desperately needed cure. The syndrome affects the brain, eyes, kidneys, bones and muscles. The list of symptoms seem endless... all children are born with cataracts in their eyes leaving the child either blind or partially sighted and sadly some children never walk or talk dependent on the severity of the disease.

"It's taken us ten years to raise the first million pounds," says founder, chair and tireless campaigner Lorraine Thomas, "and we're now seeing breakthroughs that could mean a cure.

Patron, Penny Lancaster said " I know I am one of many that realise how lucky we are to have good health and find it overwhelming when you think of all the different charities that need help,

especially those that need vital funds for research towards cures for incurable and debilitating disease.

Having healthy, growing children, as I do, my heart goes out to parents with the challenges of young children with life threatening illnesses like Lowe Syndrome”.

Lorraine concludes: “It has been an emotional journey since I founded the charity, but I am spurred on by the way research is now progressing. If we can continue to fund the projects, a cure is very near. Having a son diagnosed with Lowe syndrome is the most heartbreaking and frightening experience. No child should suffer in this way: each day you live in fear.”

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