

## **Low Syndrome Charity Event Press Release**

On September 25<sup>th</sup> 2007 Three's A Crowd presents a very special event to support The Low Syndrome Children's Charity.

Join our host Mr Jonathan Ross and an array of A-List entertainment for an evening which aims to raise awareness and funds for an extremely tragic and under researched illness.

The evening will be nothing short of spectacular. With world-class performances and a very special celebrity charity auction.

The Low Syndrome Charity was started through one woman's struggle to come to terms with her sons incurable disease - An uphill fight to raise funds and commission research projects to enable doctors to understand and cure an unknown entity.

Oscar is a cheeky, loveable little boy. A typical ten-year old who loves to watch TV, play video games and listen to music. Except that, when Oscar was six, doctors told his parents he was unlikely to make it to his next birthday. He was diagnosed with Low syndrome, a devastating genetic disease that affects thousands of little boys born worldwide with cataracts (either blind or partially sighted), stunted growth, poor muscle tone, rickets, scoliosis, arthritis (some never walk), kidney problems, severe seizures, cysts on the brain, kidneys and skin and mental impairment. Sadly, few survive to become adults.

Struggling to come to terms with the diagnosis and limited knowledge available Oscar's mother, Lorraine Thomas, decided to set up a UK Low Syndrome Research Trust and has solely, through tireless and relentless campaigning funded all of the UK research projects and three in the USA.

Yet today it may be within our grasp to help cure this heartbreaking disease. With no government support or funding it has been left to one woman's resolute faith, hope and selfless love of her son Oscar to fight against this cataclysmic genetic mutation.

Lorraine has also founded the Low Syndrome Scientific Advisory Board made up of ten eminent Professors of Medicine who advise on all matters of research and medical issues. Her charity, her life long dedication, has an aim of curing the children and her son, so that they can live longer, healthier, happier lives without needing to go into a hospice.

As you can imagine it is a daily up-hill struggle competing against larger well-known charities but with your support the scope for funding and finding a cure is limitless. Others giving their support and help to the children are Low Syndrome Trust Trustee Jonathan Ross and Patrons including Richard Desmond, Penny Lancaster, Tom Conti, Tony Hadley and Arsenal player Mathieu Flamini.

It is very difficult to express the emotion of having a child diagnosed, but through Lorraine's sheer persistence interest is rapidly growing from worldwide scientists to develop a cure, if appropriate funding is available to support the research.

Low Syndrome Trust 'Care today... cure tomorrow'