

My name is Kara DeLynn "Sunshine" James; I am 35 years old. I was born with Moebius Syndrome and Poland Syndrome. I am conducting a 5K & 1-mile fun run/walk on January 20th, 2018 to raise awareness about Moebius syndrome, and am seeking sponsorships and donations to make to Kara Smiles fund, the fund is to assist those who wish to have a reconstruction surgery to help them smile. (The Smile surgery or smile reconstruction is a surgical procedure that restores the smile for people with facial nerve paralysis or damage.

Moebius syndrome is a rare neurological condition that affects 1 in 500,000 births in the United States each year. Moebius syndrome primarily affects the 6th and 7th cranial nerves which control facial expression and eye movement and leaves people with Moebius syndrome unable to have any facial expression! They cannot smile, frown, grimace or blink their eyes. Some children are also born with malformed hands/arms/feet/legs and respiratory problems

The first 13 years of my life, I walked through life without the ability to show any emotions on my face. When I was 13, I was fortunate enough to go through a life changing surgery to show the world my smile. In 2016, I was presented with the opportunity to attend the National Moebius Foundation Conference. It truly was a life changing experience! I had never met so many people that looked just like me, that shared the same experiences from their struggles to their triumphs. I want to be able to spread awareness and help give someone a life-changing gift of a Smile. In addition, I want to show the world that it's not what's on the outside that counts, it's how the person truly is on the inside!

My goal for this run is to raise awareness and funds raised will be used to help others who could use a life-changing gift of a smile. We've created a charitable fund with the San Angelo Area Foundation, which will administer Kara Smiles Fund, and I need your help. I am asking for one of three sponsor levels, but any donation would be greatly appreciated!

Gold: \$1,000 - silver & bronze benefits plus an opportunity to share about your business on race day

Silver: \$500 - bronze benefits plus logo on race flyer

Bronze: \$250 - logo on back of t-shirt

The SAPD WIVES CLUB will be collecting the donations.

If you have any questions, or for more information, please contact: Kara James - Phone: (325)-234-6942, email: karasmilesformoebius@gmail.com

I appreciate your support! Thank you,

Kara James

To make a gift, please make donation to:
San Angelo Area Foundation with a memo to Kara Smiles Fund
221 S. Irving St.
San Angelo, TX 76903
Or online at www.saafound.org/karasmiles

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