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INFORMATION RELEASE

Supporting Batten Disease Research at Candy Festival
Solano County Sheriff's Office

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The Solano County Sheriff's Office will once again be collecting donations to help raise awareness in the fight to find a cure for Batten Disease at the 8th Annual Candy Festival to be held on October 11, 2008 in the City of Fairfield.

Batten Disease (neuronal ceroid lipofuscinosis) is a neurological degenerative disease. Three in 100,000 children are affected. Batten Disease causes blindness, seizures, cognitive loss, motor loss; eventually children with Batten Disease become bed ridden and unable to communicate. There is no cure, and Batten Disease is always fatal.

There are two families in our local law enforcement community who have children afflicted with this devastating disease; Fairfield Police Department Sergeant Joe Allio's two daughters Catie and Annie, and Solano Sheriff's Office Correctional Sergeant Robert Olmstead's two nieces Korry and Rachael. This cause is very close to the hearts of our local law enforcement family.

We invite the public to attend and share in the festivities of this year's 8th Annual Candy Festival. We ask that the public please visit the Public Safety Expo located at the intersection of Taylor and Texas Street. The booth will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All funds will be sent to BDSRA, Batten Disease Support & Research Association, please stop by and help us in the fight of this devastating disease. For more information on support and research, please log onto www.bdsra.org

For more information on this, event and/or donations please contact:

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