

PRESS RELEASE ... 14th September 2011

RP Fighting Blindness has announced plans for its first ever Elephant Walk.

The Elephant Walk 2011

Sunday 25th September 2011.... 10am till 4pm

RP Fighting blindness are hoping you will remember as elephants never forget The elephant walk which is taking place for stride for sight in Royal Leamington Spa.

The event will be a family event and is 3miles around the beautiful town's gardens pump rooms and parks taking in the history of when Queen Victoria & elephants came to the town and how the town got its Royal charter. The event will start at the famous band stand in the pump room gardens.

If you would like to join in the fun please call Bev Hollingsworth 01926-633412 or 07779035170 for sponsor forms and entrance details or visit the RP web site www.rpfightingblindness.org.uk and follow the link under events. Come on everyone stride for sight get your friends and families to get on their stomping feet on and help raise money for research by having fun.

Twelve years ago Mother of Justin Hollingsworth Leamington spa boy and pupil at Arnold Lodge school now age 14 years was told your son has RP, and is going to lose his eyesight and there is no treatment. Your son will eventually go blind. With Justin's family's determination, they are trying to raise as much funding, which will in turn fund research to find a cure for Retinitis Pigmentosa. RP affects 25,000 people in the UK, and is often aggressive in childhood, which leads to total blindness in the early adult years.

Progress is being made via gene therapy, stem cell research and more.. but without more funds this is not going to progress to a cure or treatment for RP. Please, please help us to raise more funds for research to save thousands of children's sight in the UK, and all over the world.

Justin's mom and Dad are with the help of round table 164 Leamington Spa organising the above event. The team hope to raise awareness for RP, and raise more funds for research into this relentless eye disease as it is our great hope for a cure and treatment to halt this tragic loss of sight.

If you would like to support please go to www.rpfightingblindness.com under events Please donate to make our dream come true and find a cure for this tragic loss of sight.

Notes to Editorial Staff below

The walk will commence on Sunday 25th September 2011

Details of the charity can be found at www.rpfightingblindness.co.uk under events

RP Fighting Blindness was established in 1976

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Retinitis pigmentosa is a genetic disease of the retina that leads to gradual loss of vision and ultimately to blindness, it affects some 25,000 people in the UK. Recent advances in gene therapy trials and the development of artificial vision show promise but there is a long way to go to find a cure or treatment.