

David and Lindey McIntyre

Bethany's Hope Foundation



David and Lindey's daughter, Bethany, was affected by Metachromatic Leukodystrophy (MLD).

Bethany, the seventh child of the McIntyres, was born in London, Ontario, on April 1st, 1993.

Bethany was born as normal as her brothers and sisters and her early life saw steady development, obtaining the usual milestones. Bethany's only difficulty seemed to be her late progression in walking. She demonstrated a difficulty with balance.

This problem was investigated and on August 12, 1995, after an exhaustive eight months of tests, this little 2 ½ year old was diagnosed with a terrible disease – MLD. On the day of her diagnosis, Bethany was very much an active little child and was playing with Lego blocks while her medical team explained the dreadful prognosis.

Stunned by this revelation, the McIntyres searched for answers and hope for their child only to be told that the medical community had nothing to offer.

The McIntyres hope to develop and expand the LCN family support program in Canada. Their dream is that the children and families with Leukodystrophy in Canada will have access to organized Care Programs where they will receive quality care and be treated with dignity.

The McIntyres created Bethany's Hope Foundation – their motto is "Research Leukodystrophy. Live for the Cure." David, a retired police officer and Lindey, an event planner/designer reside in London, Ontario, Canada.