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## The Second Annual Run for Kieran Will be Held on March 8, 2008

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By Jean Follmer

**K**ieran Rohan Quinn was a special boy. He was his family's "Little Prince." The Quinn family says, "The Little Prince was eight years old when a degenerative genetic disorder took him away from his friends and our family." That was two years ago on March 8, 2006. In response to the question, "Who is Kieran?" his sister Molly wrote, "Kieran is the brightest star you see when you look up into the night sky, he's the rainbow after every storm, and he is the angel shining down on you helping you get through each day." She went on to write, "Kieran was never able to walk or talk due to his disease but the effect he had on my own life and so many others is indescribable."

The Run for Kieran started out as a small way to get together and share memories of Kieran. "Many family members and friends joined together for informal runs throughout his first year of passing. The first annual Run for Kieran was held on March 8, 2007 on his first birthday in Heaven." The Second Annual Run for Kieran will start On March 8, 2008 at Stanley Middle School at 9:00 in the morning.

Jay Lifson, of the Lafayette Chamber of Commerce, was touched by Kieran's mother, Bridget Quinn, whom he describes as

having "a wonderful, warm personality." Quinn told him about the Run for Kieran. "What makes this run special is that many kids and families knew Kieran," explains Lifson, "by running, they have a chance to remember him and honor him. Because Kieran was able to attend regular school, (his mother) said that Kieran was able to share memories with his friends and the people around him; they all learned from Kieran."

The Run will include a Fun Run (2 miles) for all ages and baby-joggers are welcome. A 7-mile run is also being offered this year. The Fun Run will end at the Tot Lot at the Lafayette Community Center for play and treats and the 7-mile course will continue past the Lafayette Community Center and turn around at Rheem Boulevard. There will be energy treats available at the Tot Lot and the run will end back at Stanley Middle School. A participation fee of \$15/participant will include a cool tie-dye t-shirt and a raffle ticket for prizes. Additional raffle tickets can be purchased for \$1/each, 6/\$5 or 12/\$10.

The Run for Kieran is held in love and memory of Kieran and proceeds will be donated to the Lucille Packard's Children's Hospital at Stanford (Genetics Department) and the Springhill Elementary Instructional Support

Program. Bridget Quinn teaches kindergarten at Springhill Elementary School.

Please join the friends and family of Kieran for a fun morning of celebrating Kieran's life! If you'd like to participate in the Run for Kieran, please contact the Quinn family at [quinnsix@sbc-global.net](mailto:quinnsix@sbc-global.net) as soon as possible.



First Annual Run for Kieran, March 8, 2007  
Photo The Quinn Family