Pause for The GFPD Op-Ed 2023 Templates

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1. Locate an Op-Ed template from the choices below that best matches your family (bereaved parent or not, adult patient, type of peroxisomal disorder, etc.)
2. Copy and paste the template to your own document.
3. Customize the template to fit you and your family.
4. Submit to your local newspaper. This is usually through an online form on their website.
5. Let the GFPD know when your Op-Ed runs in the newspaper by contacting Katie at katie@thegfpd.org

Glossary of Terms:

PBD-ZSD = Peroxisomal Biogenesis Disorder – Zellweger Syndrome Disorder
DBPD = D-Bifunctional Protein Deficiency
ACOX = Acyl-CoA Oxidase Deficiency
AMACRD = 2-Methylacyl-CoA racemase Deficiency

Templates Available:

Template for Parent(s) of Child(ren) Who Died from a Peroxisomal Biogenesis Disorder in the Zellweger Spectrum (PBD-ZSD)

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OUR/MY DAUGHTER/SON, NAME, lived for _____ months/years with a peroxisomal biogenesis disorder in the Zellweger spectrum (PBD-ZSD). CHILDS NAME is one of fewer than 1,000 children worldwide affected with PBD-ZSD. TELL 1-3 SENTENCES ABOUT YOUR CHILD.

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Template for Parent(s) of a Child(ren) Who Died From D-Bifunctional Protein Deficiency (DBPD)

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