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2013 was a year of profound change for Children with Diabetes. In December, we left Johnson & Johnson and began anew as a not-for-profit. In the face of enormous change and challenge, I was reminded of why we do what we do. And it all begins with a simple question:

Why do we do diabetes?

Do we do diabetes for the next blood sugar? No.

Do we do diabetes for the next HbA1c? No.

We do diabetes for life.

We do diabetes so that we can savor all that life has to offer. We do diabetes so we can dance on the beach. We do diabetes so we can enjoy sunrises and sunsets and all the hours in between. We do diabetes so we can pursue our dreams. We do diabetes so that we can grow up, get married, and have a family.



*One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather.*

— Joy Hargrove

Last year was also wonderful for our family. In September, Connor was born. Marissa, whose diagnosis of type 1 at the age of 24 months would provide the reason for CWD, has grown, become a nurse, married Adam, and become a mom. And Brenda and I have become grandparents.

Connor is an affirmation of everything we've done as a family to help Marissa live well with type 1 diabetes. And Marissa's success during her pregnancy is an affirmation of all we do together at *Friends for Life*.

At *Friends for Life*, we learn from the best in the world, we share our hopes and experience, we find support from those who have found the way before us, and we make friends — friends for life.



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