



Annual Conference



Taste of Chicago

July 13-16, 2023



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Welcome to the Taste of Chicago

Welcome to the 5p- Society's 38th family conference. We are **heading back** to one of the first conference locations. **Chicago**, with its charm, history, warmth, food, sports and wind! It's been 23 years since we've last visited Chicago. We've actually visited Chicago the most with conferences in 1987, 1988 and 1999.

This year's conference will be held at the Eaglewood Resort & Spa, an exceptional Midwest resort located in Itasca. The Prairie Style architecture of the resort is legendary work of Frank Lloyd Wright throughout the Chicagoland area. The resort also has a fantastic recreation and entertainment area with a bowling alley, fitness rooms, pool, and a full service wellness Spa.

The host families have been working hard to bring you a Taste of Chicago by fundraising, planning and preparing for a fantastic event. Speakers are lined up with topics of interested to our 5p minus community.

Chicago has a lot to offer! We hope you plan on spending some extra time here to explore this exciting city!!

Your host families:

Nick & Christina Cutrara
Michelle Trusk
Chris & Megan Jones

Jason & Gina Burke
Matthew & Jacquelyn Winders
Conference committee helpers





THURSDAY, JULY 13, 2023

REGISTRATION
WELCOME RECEPTION
NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION
SIBLING MIXER
AMYSUE'S PLACE

- 5:00 PM *Registration and Welcome Reception*
- 7:00 PM *New to a 5p- Conference join us for the **New Family Orientation***
- 7:00 PM *Siblings get the chance to meet each other.*
- 7:00 PM *Hospitality Suite (flow)*

FRIDAY, JULY 14, 2023

KID CAMP ROOMS
OPENING SESSION
PARENT PANELS (BY AGE)
SIBLING WORKSHOP
DAD'S WORKSHOP
MOM'S WORKSHOP
INDIVIDUALS WITH 5P- WORKSHOP
FAMILY OUTING
GRANDPARENTS WORKSHOP
AMYSUE'S PLACE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

- 8:30 AM-12:00 PM *meeting, networking and learning from each other with our various **Workshops***
- 12:00 PM-3:30 PM, *join us for a **Family Fun Event**. We will be "tasting" some authentic foods from Chicago, Food Truck Style on site and having one large picnic with fun and games.*
- 4:00 PM ***Grandparents Workshop***
- *Dinner is on your own. Feel free to **explore Chicago**.*
- 7:00 PM ***Hospitality Suite (flow)***
- 8:00 PM ***Board of Directors meeting***

SATURDAY, JULY 15, 2023

KID CAMP ROOMS
OPENING SESSION
SPEAKERS - BREAK OUTS
SIBLING OUTING
PICTURES
BANQUET, AWARDS & FAMILY DANCE
AMYSUE'S PLACE

- 9:00 AM *Parents, **Todd & Kristin Evans** will be our keynote speakers, presenting on **Beyond Surviving to Living Fully**.*
- 10:30 AM -5:00 PM *three tracks of **speakers**, each with different topics and for different audiences.*
- 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM ***Siblings** will be heading to a trampoline park, lunch included.*
- 12:00 PM-2:00 PM *Lunch is on your own*
- 6:30 PM-10:00 PM ***Banquet, family dance, general membership meeting and awards.***
- ***Photographer** will be available for family pictures*
- *We will have our **Raffles** (ticket & silent auction)*
- 9:00 PM ***Hospitality Suite (flow)***

SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

CLOSING SESSION
SPECIAL SPEAKERS
PICTURE SESSION
TALK ABOUT THE FUTURE

- 9:00 AM-12:00 PM *Closing remarks by various individuals with 5p- Syndrome. These **special speakers** are slated to inspire you.*
- *Don't forget your camera for some special **pictures** with your new friends.*
- *Let's talk about the **Iowa 2024**.*

TASTE OF CHICAGO

LOCATION: Eaglewood Resort & Spa, 1401 Nordic Rd, Itasca, IL 60143 (630)773-1400

ROOM RATE: \$149.00 per night**. Please make your reservations by calling (650)773-1400 or at the dedicated online link at: <http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=3233313&hotelID=15450>. Cut-off to guarantee room rate is June 15, 2023.

There are a limited number of rooms before and after the event. Please contact Laura at director@fivepminus.org if you have any problems making your reservations.

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: Early bird registration must be received by July 1, 2023. After July 1, 2023 the regular registration fees will apply. 5p- Society members will receive a discount on their Registration Fee. Unsure if you are a member? Please contact Laura at director@fivepminus.org to find out.

- Member registration fees: Early Bird - \$200.00 for up to 4 individuals; \$50.00 for each additional individual. Regular Registration - \$250.00 for up to 4 individuals; \$50 for each additional individual.
- Non-Member registration fees: Early Bird - \$300.00 for up to 4 individuals; \$50.00 for each additional individual. Regular Registration - \$350.00 for up to 4 individuals; \$50.00 for each additional individual.
- Individual (one person only) registration fee: Early Bird - \$100.00; Regular Registration \$150.00

[Online registration link](#) or scan the QR Code:



A paper registration form is available upon request (checks only).

CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE: The 5p- Society is happy to announce that it has five (5) conference scholarships to award for the 2023 conference. Each scholarship will pay for the hotel room for three nights (Thursday, Friday & Saturday) and the registration for up to 4 individuals. You must be a 5p- Society member to apply for the scholarship. For more information and guidelines, download the [Financial Assistance Scholarship Application](#). Deadline to apply is May 1, 2023.



A TASTE OF CHICAGO CONFERENCE DONOR REWARD PROGRAM

- **Reward #1: Raise \$5,000**

You will receive Conference Registration for four (4) individuals, and three (3) night stay at the conference hotel. You will also be mentioned in our conference materials and on the website.

- **Reward #2: Raise \$3,000**

You will receive Conference Registration for four (4) individuals, and two-night stay at the conference hotel. You will also be mentioned in our conference materials and on the website.

- **Reward #3: Raise \$2,000**

Get free registration for four individuals and one night at the conference hotel, listing on conference website, logo on back of conference t-shirt and listing on event page.

- **Reward #3: Raise \$1,000**

Get free registration for four individuals, logo on back of conference t-shirt, listing on conference website and listing on event signage.

- **Reward #4: Raise \$500.00**

Donors will be listed on conference website, back of conference t-shirt, posted on conference app, signage at registration table and social media blast.

- **Reward #5: Raise \$250.00**

Donors will be listed on conference website, back of conference t-shirt, posted on conference app and signage at registration table.

- **Reward #6: Raise \$100.00**

Donors will be listed on conference website, back of conference t-shirt and signage at registration table.

- **Reward #7: In-kind donation**

Donor will be listed on conference website and signage at registration table.

Reward recipients must make their own hotel reservations; internal changes will be made for payment of rooms. Each donor will receive a unique conference registration code. Conference registration form required.

Please submit all monies by June 30, 2023, to participate.

Volunteer Opportunties: The conference committee is actively looking for volunteers to assist with various areas of the conference, including Kid Care and the Sibling Outing. If you have family members or friends that live in Chicago that can lend a hand for a few hours on Friday morning or Saturday morning/afternoon.

We ask that all volunteers fill out the [Google Form](#), or contact Christina Cutrara (ccutrara@comcast.com) or Megan Jones (mjones@ms.k12.il.us)

Hospitality Suite: Several years ago the Hospitality Suite was renamed AmySue's Place. Dr. AmySue Reilly is one of our longtime supports and annual speakers with a lot of experience working with children and adults with 5p-Syndrome. She first joined us in 2003 in Memphis as a volunteer speaker. Twenty years later and she has attended every conference since on a volunteer basis. AmySue's Place will be open from 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM Thursday and Friday, 9:00 PM to 11:00PM on Saturday as a way to wind down, continue conversations, and grab a snack and drink. All are welcome.

Raffles and Gear: We have been so blessed by families and friends of families for handmade items such as quilts and decorative items, as well as donate various clothing, jewelry, books, totes and other items to raffle off at the conference. We will also have plenty of 5p- gear for you to purchase (hats, wristbands, key chains, etc). Be on the lookout for your 80/20 tickets, each \$100 ticket donation will give \$80 to the conference and \$20 to the winner. We thank you for your continued support.

General Meeting of the Membership: On Saturday at the banquet, we will have the General Meeting of the members. Don't miss it as your vote counts. We will be installing your newest Board of Directors.

Interested in become a Board of Director, please contact Jolene Towers at gnjtowers@aol.com for more information.

Hall of Fame and Founder Awards: At the banquet we will announce our Hall of Fame Award winners along with other awards and acknowledgements. There are four Hall of Fame categories: Parent(s) of the Year, Grandparent(s) of the Year, Sibling(s) of the Year, and Superhero Volunteer of the Year award. To nominate an individual for one of these categories who has gone above and beyond for the 5p-Society, please fill out and submit the [Hall of Fame Nominations Form](#) located at: <https://forms.gle/iU1pAnfrj36nv9JK8>

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

Todd Evans, PhD, MA and Kristin Evans, MA, MS, LMSW

Todd and Kristin have been married for twenty-one years. Their sweet thirteen-year-old daughter, Bethany Grace, was born with Cri du Chat Syndrome resulting in severe disabilities and complex medical needs. As authors and speakers, they're passionate about empowering other parents of children with chronic illnesses and disabilities and professionals that serve caregivers. They both earned their Masters in Christian Spiritual Formation from Wheaton College and have served together in church, youth, and retreat ministries. Kristin is a Licensed Masters Social Worker experienced in individual, couples, child & family, substance abuse, and crisis counseling. Learn more about their resources for caregivers at www.DisabilityParenting.com.



Dennis J. Campbell, Ph.D.

Dennis is a retired Associate Professor of Special Education at the University of South Alabama. Dr. Campbell is Amy and Kelly's dad, Amy has a 5P deletion, Kelly teaches young children with significant disabilities in Phenix City Alabama. He is married to Shari who is a support coordinator for the southeast region of the 5p-Society. He is on the Professional Advisory Board for the 5P Minus Society, the parent support group for children and adults with 5P minus Syndrome. He has also, along with Dr. Reilly, researched, published, and presented extensively regarding Cri du Chat Syndrome, low incidence disabilities, disability advocacy, and transition.



AmySue Reilly, Ph.D.

AmySue is a retired Associate Professor of Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling at Auburn University. Dr. Reilly is a member of the Professional Advisory Committee for the 5p- Society. She has presented at the past 21 conferences since 2003 on Effective Behavior Strategies. She has also researched and published along with Dr. Campbell, regarding Cri-du-chat Syndrome, disability advocacy and transition.

Hollie Brookman, RDH

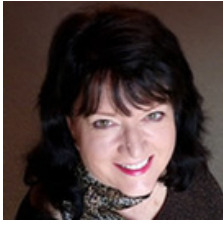
Hollie Brookman received her Bachelor of Science in Dental Hygiene from the University of Louisville in 2014. In 2013, she was chosen from among her peers to receive a student scholarship for infection control and prevention. In 2014, she represented the University of Louisville Dental Hygiene Program at the American Dental Hygiene Association Annual Conference in the student table clinic research presentations.

Hollie Brookman has been a registered dental hygienist in the state of Kentucky since 2014. Her main experience is in general, clinical dentistry with a diverse patient population, including pediatric, geriatric, and special needs patients. Hollie resides in Louisville, KY with her husband, Robert, and four children. Hannah, her oldest, was diagnosed with Cri du Chat Syndrome at birth.



Claire Conley

Claire Conley is a certified Feldenkrais® Practitioner (FGNA - 2003), Anat Baniel Methodsm Practitioner 2003, with advanced certification for Infants & Children, High Performers and Vitality & Anti-Aging. Claire also has graduated with advanced certification from The Scoliosis Project 2008 in Zurich, Switzerland. Today, Claire works with special needs infants and children, healthy infants and children as well as adults, seniors, athletes, musicians and artistic performers of all kinds to achieve enhanced performance. She also works with people who have chronic or situational pain issues including scoliosis, back, neck & shoulder pain.



Carly Lapin, Ph.D.

Carly Lapin is the Director of Clinical Outreach at The Place for Children with Autism. Clinically, she specializes in ABA therapy, toilet training, assessment and treatment of problem behaviors, increasing rapport between staff and children with autism. Professionally, she oversees an outreach department and helps ABA companies expand in client acquisition



Mary Anne Ehlert, CFP®

Mary Anne is a financial professional and President and Founder of Protected Tomorrows. She has built a national network of Protected Tomorrows expert advisors, or “Advocates,” who all share her dedication to serving the families of individuals with special needs. She is also a mother, a sister and a daughter to her loved ones with disabilities. She is highly regarded as a specialist in working with families of individuals with disabilities and the elderly and speaks to conferences and television audiences on financial planning.



Laura Castillo

Laura has been the Executive Director of the 5p- Society for over 26 years. A Health Educator, she also currently works as the Sr Fiscal & Operations Analyst at California State University Dominguez Hills in the Student Health Center. Laura has been happily married to her husband Mike for 37 years, and she is a mom to four and grandmother to three. Her daughter with 5p-, Katie, claims to be her mom’s assistant at the conferences.



Special Sunday Speakers

James Chalmers
Anna Garvey Tanner

