



## Press Release

### **A *Unique* event to support children with rare chromosome disorders**

On (date of event) at (location), (name of organiser) has organised a (name of event). The event, in aid of **Unique** is to raise funds so that this UK charity can continue to support families who are dealing with a child with a rare chromosome disorder.

“(quote to describe the event)” said (name of organiser).

(provide any other details that link the event to your local community)

Every year at least **one in every thousand births** in the UK is affected by a rare chromosome disorder. The Rare Chromosome Disorder Support Group, normally known as, **Unique**, aims to provide links between families whose children have similar clinical and/or practical problems caused by these disorders.

**Unique** began in 1984, when 5 families were put in touch with each other. It became a registered charity in 1993 and has now grown to over 5000 families over 65 countries.

#### Notes to Editor

- *Unique* produces a number of introductory information leaflets including **“The Little Yellow Book”** which acts as a guide to rare chromosomal disorders, information leaflets in the main UK ethnic languages and **“Unique Tales”** a comic designed to help explain chromosomes, genes and DNA to siblings. A **web site** with extensive information is also in operation at [www.rarechromo.org](http://www.rarechromo.org).
- As of October 2006, group membership stands at 5000 families in 65 countries worldwide, with over **2,400 families in the UK**. With approx 450 new members joining annually – the rate of growth shows no sign of slowing down. It is this single fact above all others that shows how valuable and relevant the Group’s work continues to be.

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