

# Look in these eyes...



## **SMA is the leading genetic killer of children under the age of 2.**

One in every 6,000 babies is born with SMA.  
Of children diagnosed before age two, 50% will die before their second birthday.  
SMA can strike anyone of any age, race or gender.  
One in every 40 people carries the gene that causes SMA.  
The child of two carriers has a one in four chance of developing SMA.

## **We are close to a cure.**

FSMA is committed to finding an effective treatment for Spinal Muscular Atrophy and we are planning for success, said Audrey Lewis, Executive Director of FSMA. Our belief is that the investments we have made in basic research will soon lead to therapies that can be investigated in human clinical trials.

## **Funding stands in our way.**

Families of SMA funds research needed to find a treatment and a cure for SMA and advocates for increased government research funding. Since 1984, this volunteer-driven, non-profit organization has become the largest private funder of SMA research and the largest non-profit organization dedicated solely to finding a cure for SMA. FSMA has committed \$3.5 million to SMA research in 2003 and over \$10 million within the next 3 years.

## **Be a Friend of SMA, we need your help.**

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