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2023 CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP

6th Annual Plunge for Elodie

Sunday, March 26 @10am
Morses Pond, Wellesley, MA

Making waves for children suffering from the rare genetic disorder Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB)

www.plungeforelodie.org

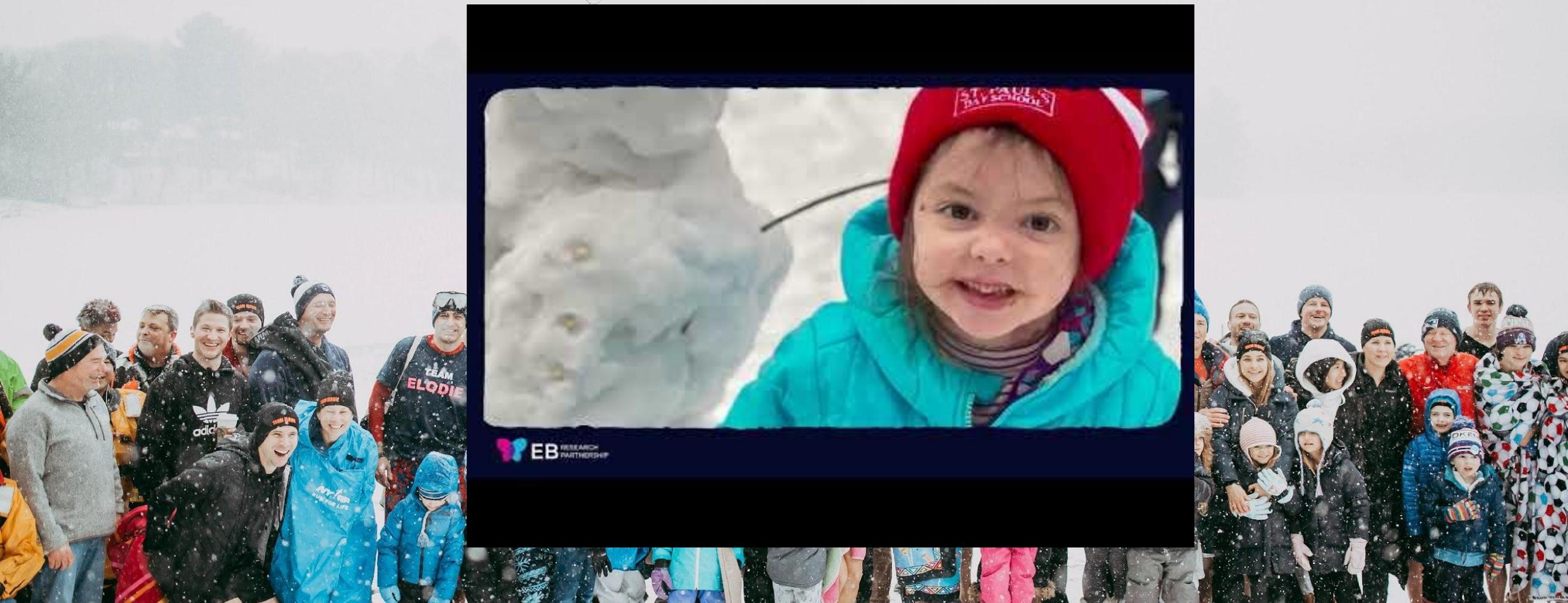


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Introducing The Plunge for Elodie

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PLUNGE FOR ELODIE MISSION

- ❖ **RAISE AWARENESS.** Raise awareness for the life-threatening rare disease Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB).
- ❖ **RAISE CRITICAL FUNDS.** We have raised \$1.6 million in just 5 years' time. In 2023, hit \$2 million raised for the EB Research Partnership (EBRP) by this event.
- ❖ **EFFECT CHANGE.** Every dollar goes to the EBRP, which funds research and trials aimed at treating and, ultimately, curing EB. This vital work applies to many other rare diseases too, which impact over 350 million people globally, 50% of whom are children.
- ❖ **HONOR OUR CHAMPIONS.** Commemorate the life of Sophia Grace Ramsey, who lost her battle with EB in 2020, but whom we pay tribute to this year with the *2nd Annual Sophia Grace Ramsey Award*, which will be presented to Steve and Joan Belkin.





PLUNGE FOR ELODIE – SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2023

Morses Pond, Wellesley, MA



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Every donation to the cause makes an impact.

100% of the funds raised will directly benefit the **EB Research Partnership (EBRP)**, the largest nonprofit organization in the world dedicated to funding EB research.

6-year-old Elodie Kubik suffers from the life-threatening genetic disorder Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). Like all children born with EB, Elodie is missing a critical protein that binds the layers of her skin together, making it extremely fragile like the wings of a butterfly and causing constant pain plus severe internal and external wounds. **Today, there are no treatments or a cure for this devastating disease.**

However, thanks to the work of the EB Research Partnership (EBRP), hope is on the horizon: the EBRP is funding promising clinical trials, with the goal of treating, and ultimately healing, EB.

The 2023 **Plunge for Elodie** will take place on Sunday, March 26th at Morses Pond in Wellesley, MA. Come take the Plunge or cheer us on as we make waves together for this worthy cause. Visit www.plungeforelodie.org to learn more, and to make a donation. Please also follow the Plunge on Instagram and Facebook @plungeforelodie.

This year we're pleased to present the 2nd Annual **Sophia Grace Ramsey Award** to Steve and Joan Belkin. Together with TransNational Group and Belkin Family Lookout Farm, the Belkins' steadfast devotion to this cause has helped the Plunge become the impactful event that it is today.

VISIT WWW.PLUNGEFORELODIE.ORG TO LEARN MORE AND DONATE NOW!



EVENT DETAILS



The 6th Annual Plunge for Elodie – Details at a Glance:

Location: Morses Pond Beach, Wellesley, MA

Date/Time: Sunday, March 26, 2023 @10am

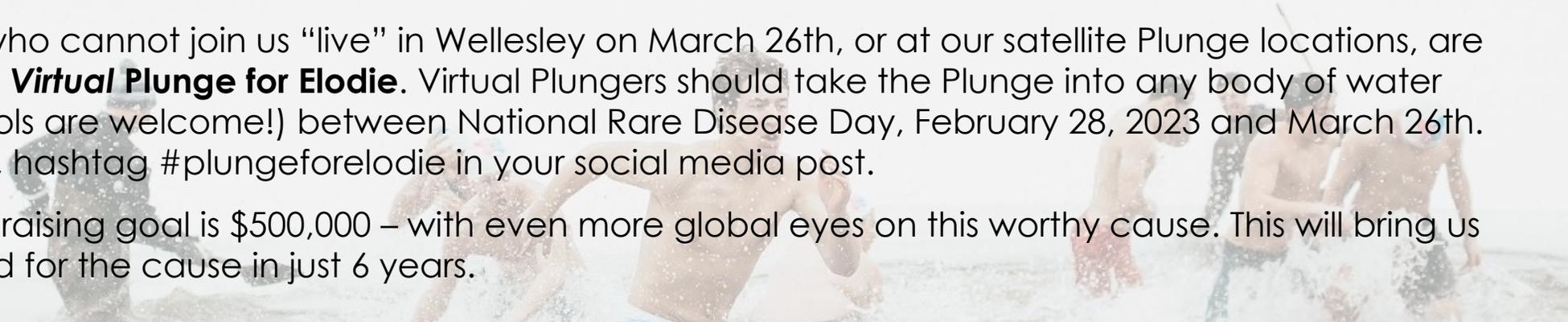
Flow: Participants gather at beach for brief pre-Plunge speaking program and awards presentation followed by the Plunge! Coffee and donuts will be served.

Event Promotion: Multi-channel promotion planned, with extensive media coverage before, during, and after the Plunge.

Social Media: Supporters are encouraged to join in the buzz, sharing their pre- or post-Plunge photos and videos to Instagram and/or Facebook (tag @plungeforelodie, hashtag #plungeforelodie).

Virtual Plunge: Those who cannot join us “live” in Wellesley on March 26th, or at our satellite Plunge locations, are encouraged to take a **Virtual Plunge for Elodie**. Virtual Plungers should take the Plunge into any body of water available to them (pools are welcome!) between National Rare Disease Day, February 28, 2023 and March 26th. Tag @plungeforelodie, hashtag #plungeforelodie in your social media post.

Goal: In 2023, our fundraising goal is \$500,000 – with even more global eyes on this worthy cause. This will bring us to over \$2 million raised for the cause in just 6 years.





SATELLITE PLUNGES AND VIRTUAL PLUNGE

Confirmed **Satellite** Plunges - in addition to the Wellesley Plunge! - for 2023 include:

❖ **Greensboro, North Carolina**

Date: Saturday, March 25, 2023

❖ **Old Greenwich, CT**

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023

❖ **Staten Island, NY**

Date: Sunday, April 2, 2023

❖ **Virtual Plunges on social media**

Visit: www.plungeforelodie.org to learn more about our satellite Plunges and our Virtual Plunges for Elodie.



EVENT HISTORY

Elodie Kubik was born with recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa in 2016. As Elodie's mom's friends learned about EB and the larger rare disease community, it became clear how desperately diseases like EB need robust funding to find treatments and cures.

The 1st Plunge for Elodie was held in 2018. Now in our 6th consecutive year, the event has raised over \$1.6 million and has grown beyond our wildest dreams. The Plunge has become an opportunity to fund critical research and trials aimed at curing rare diseases, and it has united communities as we do something brave, collectively, for a worthy cause. We will continue to do all we can to make waves, and we look forward to the day when EB is cured.

With thanks for your support,

THE 2023 PLUNGE FOR ELODIE COMMITTEE

Emily St. Thomas Kubik

Bill Weidlein

Tim & Katie Ramsey

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Introducing the 2nd Annual Sophia Grace Ramsey Award

This year we lovingly announce the 2nd Annual **Sophia Grace Ramsey Award**. This Award honor an integral contributor to the Plunge for Elodie mission.

Our 2022 honoree was Mike Fish, who has been devoted to the Plunge cause since 2018.

In 2023, we honor Steve and Joan Belkin. Together with TransNational Group and Belkin Family Outlook Farm, the Belkins have been tremendous supporters of the Plunge. It is because of people like them that this event has become so supremely impactful. Thank you Steve and Joan!

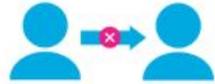


ABOUT EB



EB is a family of genetic disorders.

EB is not specific to any ethnicity or gender.



EB is not contagious.

EB is a chronic disease.



EB is estimated to affect 500,000 individuals worldwide.



Four Types of EB

1 EB Simplex (EBS)

- Most common type of EB
- Blisters form in the epidermis
- Caused by mutations in the genes **KRT5** or **KRT14**, which make the proteins keratin 5 and keratin 14.
- Four major subtypes: Localized, Dowling-Meara, Generalized, EBS with Mottled Pigmentation
- Depending on subtype:
 - Mild to severe symptoms
 - Blisters commonly found on hands and feet, but can be widespread

2 Junctional (JEB)

- Blisters form between the dermis and epidermis, in the basement membrane zone
- Blisters occur on the skin and inside the body
- Caused by mutations in the genes **LAMA3**, **LAMB3**, **LAMC2**, which make the protein laminin 332, and the gene **COL17A1**, which makes the protein collagen 17.
- Two subtypes:
 - **Herlitz**
 - Severe symptoms
 - Often fatal in infancy
 - **Non-Herlitz**
 - Mild symptoms
 - Normal life expectancy

3 Dystrophic EB (DEB)

- Blisters form in the dermis
- Mild to severe symptoms
- Caused by mutations in the gene **COL7A1**, which makes the protein collagen 7.
- Two main subtypes:
 - **Dominant**
 - Blisters generally occur on hands, elbows, knees, and feet
 - **Recessive**
 - Blisters occur on the skin and inside the body
 - Increased risk for squamous cell carcinoma
 - Life expectancy is age 30

4 Kindler Syndrome

- Rarest type of EB
- Blisters form in any skin layer and internal organs
- Caused by mutations in the gene **FERMT1**, which makes the protein kindlin-1.
- High sensitivity to UV rays from the sun
- Increased risk for squamous cell carcinoma, especially in the mouth.

WITH MORE THAN 7,000 RARE DISEASES AFFECTING 400 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE, RARE DISEASE IS EVERYWHERE. FIND OUT JUST HOW FAR RARE DISEASES REACH.



You are not alone. These RARE facts show the impact of rare disease. Share these statistics with your communities to let them know that rare really is everywhere.

1 in 10
People are Affected by Rare Disease

1 in 2
Rare Diseases Don't Have a Foundation or Research Support Group

1 in 2
Patients Diagnosed with a Rare Disease is a Child

3 in 10
Children with a Rare Disease Won't Live to See Their 5th Birthday

350
Million People Suffer From a Rare Disease Globally (greater than the population of the U.S.)

8 in 10
Rare Diseases are Caused by a Faulty Gene

8 Years:
The Average Time it Takes for Rare Patients to Receive an Accurate Diagnosis

95%
of Rare Diseases Lack an FDA Approved Treatment

RARE
Diseases Impact More People Than Cancer and AIDS Combined

7000
Types of Rare Diseases

ABOUT EB RESEARCH PARTNERSHIP

Beneficiary of All Plunge for Elodie Funds



Founded in 2010 by a dedicated group of parents and Jill and Eddie Vedder, EB Research Partnership (EBRP) is the largest global non-profit dedicated to funding research aimed at treating and ultimately curing Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), a group of devastating and life-threatening skin disorders that affect children from birth.

Working around the clock with offices in the US and Australia, EBRP utilizes an innovative venture philanthropy business model. When making a grant to a research project, they retain the added upside of generating a recurring revenue stream if the therapy or product is commercially successful, then use the return on investment to fund additional EB research until a cure is found.



To learn more, visit www.ebresearch.org.



EBRP IS FUNDING RESEARCH AND SUPPORTING BIOTECH IN MASSACHUSETTS

- ❖ EBRP has funded over \$2.4 million in research projects in Massachusetts in near-term, including \$500,000 in FIBRX funding, at institutions such as UMass and Tufts
- ❖ UMass participates in EBRP's research consortium, which is made up of 21 institutions globally that collect necessary data to support patients and trials
- ❖ Supporting Massachusetts-based biotech companies such as Constant Therapeutics, Phoenix Tissue Repair and Fibrx Tissue Repair, is a focus for EBRP.

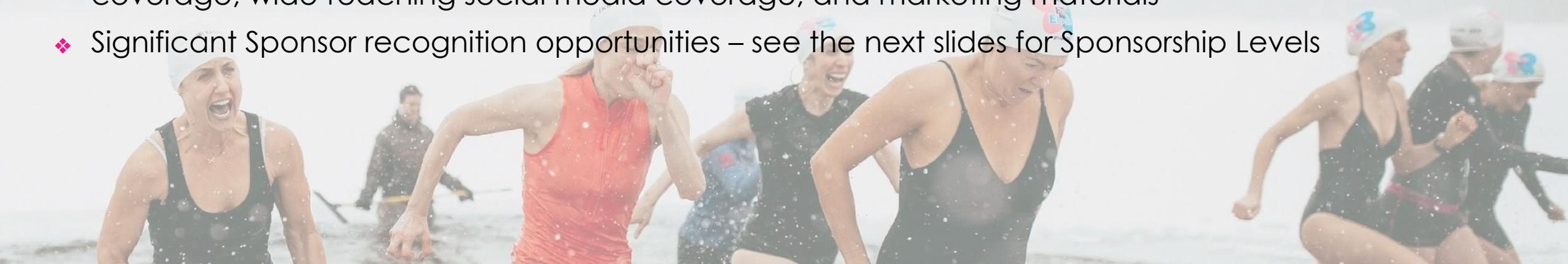




OPPORTUNITY

Your company can be a part of this mission to raise awareness and funds towards treatments, **and a cure**, for this devastating rare disease – and so many other rare diseases as well. JOIN US AS WE MAKE WAVES.

- ❖ Gain **positive visibility** through any level of sponsorship for this live – and viral – event and movement
- ❖ Be among corporations demonstrating their **commitment and compassion for curing rare diseases** that overwhelmingly affect children
- ❖ Amazing opportunity to **raise brand awareness and achieve valuable visibility** through multi-channel event promotion including Plunge website, extensive local and national media coverage, wide-reaching social media coverage, and marketing materials
- ❖ Significant Sponsor recognition opportunities – see the next slides for Sponsorship Levels





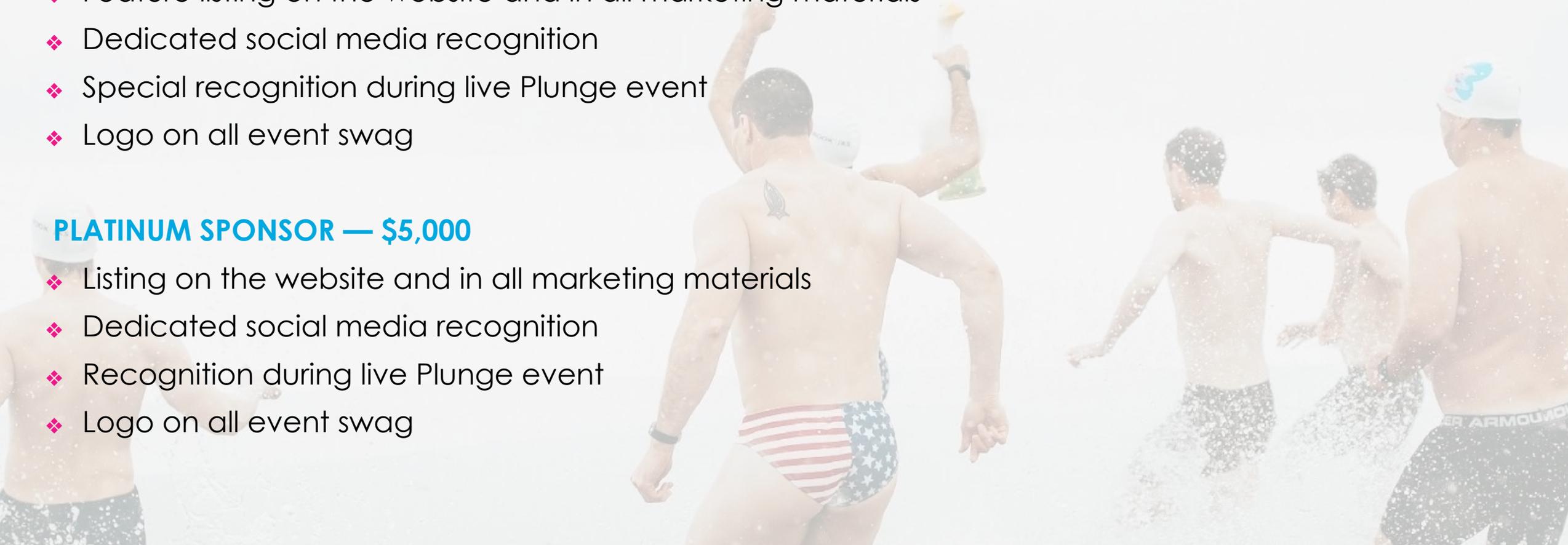
SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

TITLE SPONSOR — \$10,000

- ❖ Website banner: “The Plunge for Elodie, Brought to you by X (your company)”
- ❖ Feature listing on the website and in all marketing materials
- ❖ Dedicated social media recognition
- ❖ Special recognition during live Plunge event
- ❖ Logo on all event swag

PLATINUM SPONSOR — \$5,000

- ❖ Listing on the website and in all marketing materials
- ❖ Dedicated social media recognition
- ❖ Recognition during live Plunge event
- ❖ Logo on all event swag





SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

GOLD SPONSOR – \$2,500

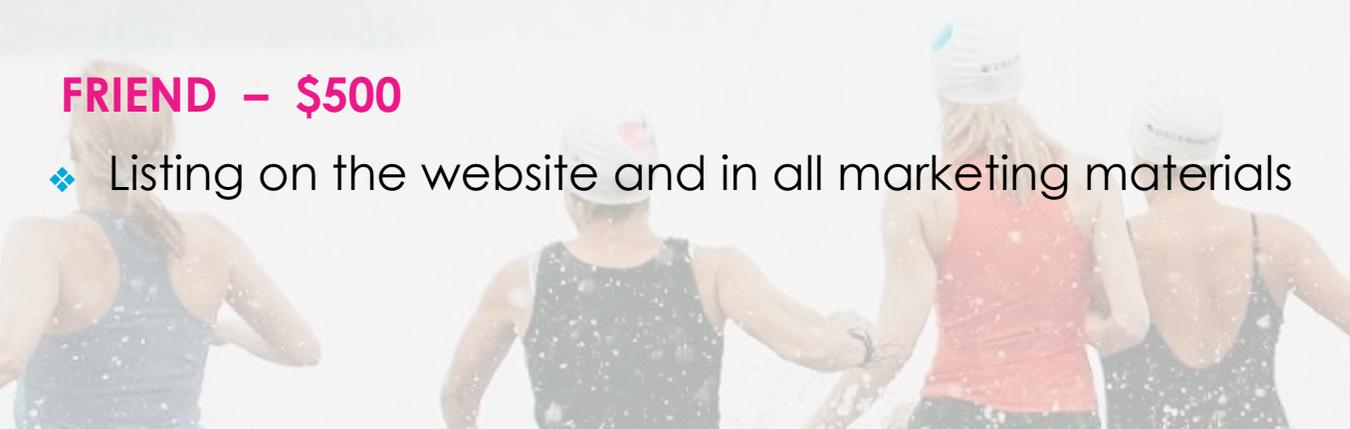
- ❖ Listing on the website and in all marketing materials
- ❖ Recognition on social media
- ❖ Recognition during live Plunge event

SILVER SPONSOR – \$1,000

- ❖ Listing on the website and in all marketing materials
- ❖ Recognition on social media

FRIEND – \$500

- ❖ Listing on the website and in all marketing materials





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Wellesley community takes Plunge for Elodie to help find cure for epidermolysis bullosa (EB)

Tommy Cassell
MetroWest Daily News

Published 4:00 a.m. ET April 4, 2022

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Plunge for Elodie held at Morses Pond Beach in Wellesley
The fifth annual Plunge for Elodie was held in Wellesley on March 27, 2022. *Tommy Cassell, Wochit*

WELLESLEY — Elodie doesn't like bath time.

Normally a fun activity for children, **Elodie** thinks bathing is scary. That's because the 5-year-old from Connecticut has a rare skin disease that makes it painful to soak in the tub.

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Announcing the 5th Annual Virtual Plunge for Elodie March 26 - 27, 2022

A Small Hometown Fundraiser Evolves Into a Global Movement that Will Surpass \$1 M Raised for the Life-Threatening Rare Disease Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB)

NEWS PROVIDED BY
EB Research Partnership →
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NEW YORK, March 10, 2022 /PRNewswire/ -- **EB Research Partnership** (EBRP) announces the 5th annual **Plunge For Elodie** scheduled for March 26 - March 27, 2022. This now-global movement invites participants to plunge into freezing waters, whether virtually or in person, to fundraise for the life-threatening rare genetic disorder Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB). 2022 marks a groundbreaking year as the Plunge for Elodie is set to surpass \$1 million raised for the EBRP. "There are currently no treatments or a cure for this disease, so every dollar raised by this event makes a tremendous impact," states EBRP CEO Michael Hund.





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Wellesley football, track and field teams take the Plunge for Elodie at Morses Pond Beach

6 PHOTOS

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Tommy Cassell Tommy Cassell, Wochit

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Despite the pandemic and the cold, Elodie's champions plunge into Morses Pond

Cathy Brauner Wicked Local
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5 for Good: Virtual polar plunge fights rare genetic condition

The Plunge for Elodie raises funds to research treatments, cures for epidermolysis bullosa



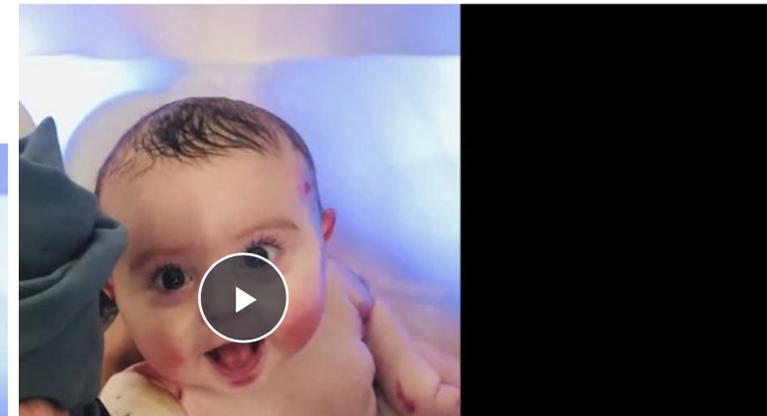
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Monroe couple fights EB to keep daughter Sophia's memory alive

By Bill B

The Monroe Sun



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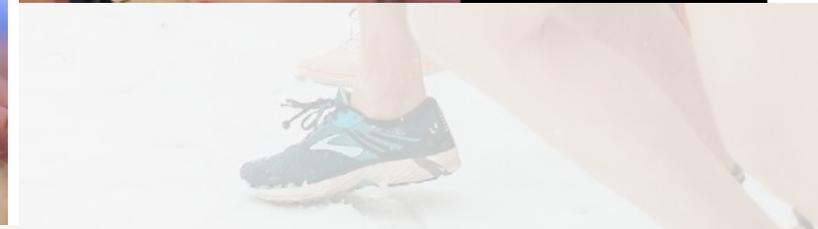
The Fourth Annual Plunge for Elodie goes virtual

Cathy Brauner Wicked Local
Published 2:25 p.m. ET March 2, 2021 | Updated 3:31 p.m. ET March 2, 2021



Most people have never heard of Recessive Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB), a rare and devastating condition that leaves the children born with it in constant pain and shortens their lives. But in Wellesley, helping to find a cure for EB started as a community cause that has since gone global.

At the center of this determination is Elodie Kubik of Connecticut, whose condition was diagnosed immediately after she was born on July 15, 2016 to Dave and Emily (St. Thomas) Kubik. Emily grew up on Norwich Road in Wellesley, where she formed a tight-knit group of friends from the Class of 1999.





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Plunge for Elodie

March 28, 2021 @ 8:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Plunge for Elodie

in honor of Sophia Ramsey

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MARCH 28, 2021

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Monroe family spreads awareness about rare genetic skin disorder

Mar 23, 2021, 11:11pm • Updated on Mar 23, 2021

By: News 12 Staff



Katie Ramsey and husband, Tim, are hoping Newtown and area residents will take part in an event to support research for the very rare childhood illness **junctional epidermolysis bullosa**. Their daughter, Sophia, was born with the genetic illness, "which is debilitating, painful, and terminal in early childhood," Kate shares. "She was enrolled in a clinical trial that gave her months of joy despite all her pain, but it was not enough to save her. We continue fighting each day for a cure in Sophia's memory, and for all the children living with EB who desperately need treatments and a cure."

Through March 28, supporters are asked "to make waves for EB research by recording themselves running into a nearby lake or ocean, splashing themselves with water at home, or anything else they can think of and posting it to social media tagging @plungeforelodie @ebresearch @sophias.eb.hope and with #PlungeForElodie2021.

"The Plunge for Elodie event was created four years ago when a Connecticut family had a daughter [Elodie] born with recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa, which is another debilitating and life limiting form of EB. The event partners with the EB Research Partnership to provide funding for clinical trials searching for viable treatments and a cure for Elodie and for all those with EB," Katie tells us.



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A Little Girl's Life Expectancy Is 30 Due to a Rare Genetic Condition; Now Her Family's Trying to Find a Cure



March 3, 2020
by MURPHY MORONEY

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Rare skin disease won't stop Greenwich toddler



Tatiana Flowers
March 5, 2020 | Updated: March 6, 2020 12:53 a.m.





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The Boston Globe

Wellesley residents support fund-raiser for 'Butterfly Children'

By Meghan Sorensen Globe Correspondent, Updated March 27, 2020, 1:55 p.m.



A fund-raiser known as [Plunge for Elodie](#) has raised over \$600,000 for research into a rare and presently incurable skin disease called Epidermolysis bullosa (EB) that notoriously makes children's skin as thin as a butterfly wing.

Plunge for Elodie was started in March 2018 after Emily St. Thomas Kubik's infant daughter, Elodie, was diagnosed with a severe skin condition.

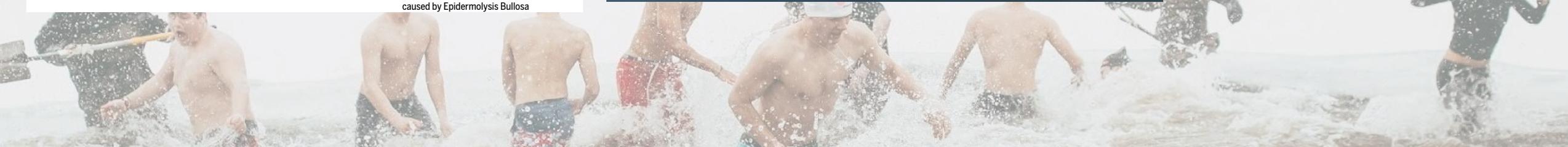
Soon after Elodie Kubik was born in July 2016, she was diagnosed with recessive dystrophic epidermolysis bullosa. EB is a family of rare connective tissue disorders that affects one out of every 20,000 births in the United States.



Elodie Kubik is wrapped up in bandages to protect her skin from the damage that is caused by Epidermolysis Bullosa

Wellesley taking to Morses Pond again for the sake of Elodie

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3rd annual Polar Plunge at Morses Pond in Wellesley to benefit Elodie

March 2, 2020 by Deborah Brown — Leave a Comment



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Parents Fight to Find Cure for Toddler Suffering From Rare Skin Disease: She's Covered in 'Wounds'

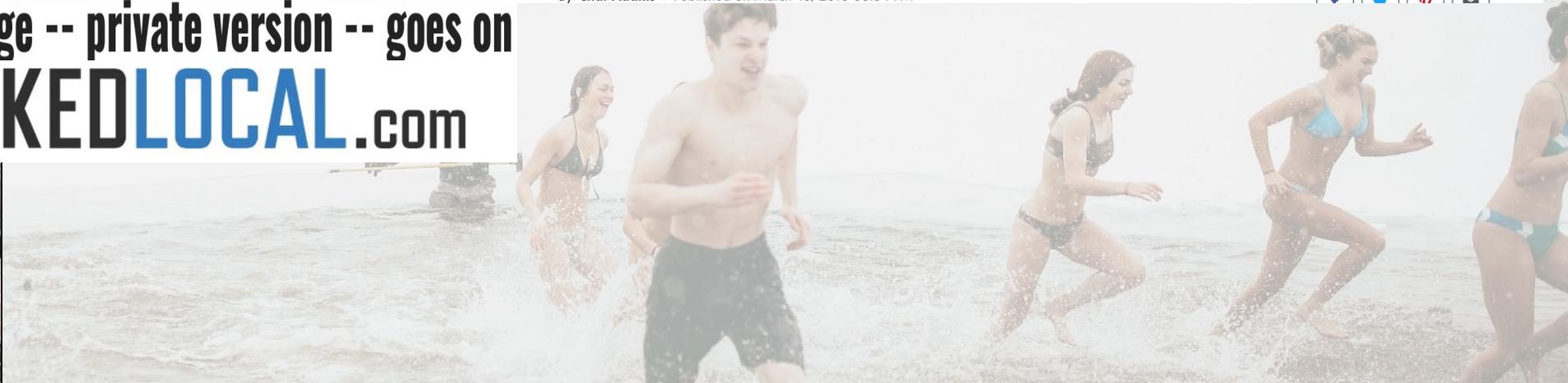
Emily and David Kubik are doing all they can to cure their daughter Elodie of a rare skin condition that leaves her covered in wounds and blisters

By Char Adams | Published on March 15, 2018 05:04 PM



Wellesley's Morse's Pond Plunge -- private version -- goes on

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PARENTS FIGHT TO FIND CURE FOR TODDLER SUFFERING FROM RARE SKIN DISEASE: SHE'S COVERED IN 'WOUNDS'

MARCH 15, 2018

People Health covered this story on Elodie Kubik, a two-year old with RDEB, and her family's experience with EB. Friends of the Kubiks started the Plunge for Elodie, a polar plunge, to raise awareness for EB and funds for EB Research Partnership. Actress Jessica Biel joined in on the action by plunging into her own swimming pool and posting a video on social media. Read more about the Kubiks and the Plunge for Elodie [here](#).

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JESSICA BIEL JUST INTRODUCED US TO THE NEXT ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE

MARCH 4, 2018

Actress Jessica Biel took the Plunge For Elodie into her swimming pool and posted the video on social media to show her support for Elodie, a baby girl with RDEB. The Plunge for Elodie was started by lifelong friends of EBRP Board Member and Elodie's mother, Emily Kubik.

Read Brit + Co's article and watch Biel's plunge [here](#).

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IN HINGHAM, FRIENDS PLAN TO 'PLUNGE FOR ELODIE'

FEBRUARY 23, 2018

The Boston Globe covered [this](#) heartwarming story of Board Member Emily Kubik and her lifelong friends who came together to find a cure for Kubik's daughter Elodie, a 19-month-old with RDEB. The friends planned to 'Plunge for Elodie' and have raised over \$108,000 and counting. They will take a polar plunge into the chilly waters of Hingham Bathing Beach in Hingham, MA on Saturday, March 3rd.

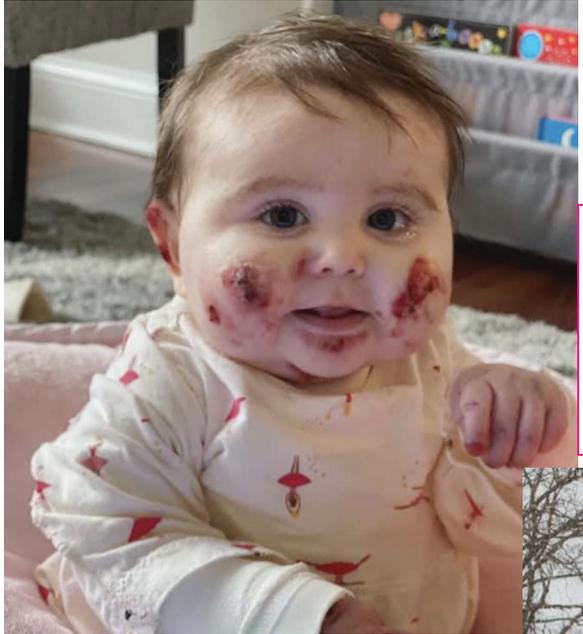
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**MAKE WAVES WITH US!
TOGETHER WE CAN HEAL EB**





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Follow the **Plunge for Elodie** on Facebook and Instagram @PlungeforElodie. Also follow the EBRP on Instagram @EBResearch.

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