

Dear Parent or Caregiver:

I would like to take the opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Amber Gaulke and I am a proud parent of a 4 year old son Greysen who has Prader Willi Syndrome. My husband, Andrew Gaulke and I have two daughters as well ages 7 and 15 and currently live in Pewaukee WI. In my free time I enjoy the outdoors, camping, fishing, and watching my kid's sports. I am also a board member of the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of WI, Inc.

As a parent of a young child with Prader Willi Syndrome, I understand just how difficult it can be to receive the diagnosis of PWS. Faced with many challenges of this magnitude is overwhelming, to say the least. You may find yourself like me asking a million question, searching the Internet for answers. Although the Internet is a wonderful place to find information, I believe it is also very important to connect on a personal level with other families with children with PWS.

PWSA of WI would like to connect with families affected by Prader-Willi Syndrome, in particular those with children ages 0-5. There are a few ways we can connect families with young children, but to do this we are asking for your help.

One way to connect is through the closed Facebook Group named PWSA of WI Young Families 0-9 Chat. It is a great group for families to meet and exchange information with other families experiencing similar challenges. It is especially beneficial for families of younger children to meet and learn from families who have many of the same experiences and much knowledge to share. After you join, please introduce yourself and post a picture of your child...we all love the adorable babies and children!

If you are not a member of Facebook, please take the opportunity to join. Then for those who are not already members of the group, search PWSA of WI Young Families 0-9 Chat and request to join. Please email topics you would like to see on the page and any questions regarding the Facebook group to me at a.gaulke@yahoo.com.

We would also encourage you to fill out the enclosed releases and return. One is a release form granting or denying usage of any photos taken of your child. The second form is a release form for sharing contact information. By releasing this information, I would be able to share your contact information with other parents of young children, in hopes of connecting families to email, chat, etc.

We would like to let you know that the Prader-Willi Syndrome Association of WI has a web site that is updated regularly with information about PWS and events. You can access the website at: www.pwsaofwi.org. While you are on the website, please take the time to apply online for a FREE membership.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to talking with you.

Thanks You! Amber Gaulke

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