

Show your stripes: One family's rare disease journey

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The last day in February marks Rare Disease Day. One employee at OSF HealthCare knows the topic well.

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Chris Ostertag's son, Hans, was born with a rare genetic disorder and died last year at age five.

But the family turned a negative into a positive. They've become advocates for rare disease awareness.

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Chris Ostertag [OHS-terr-tag]

OSF HealthCare Director of Mission Services

"Chances are, we know someone in our community who is impacted by a rare disease. All of us can be advocates by supporting our local families. Get to know them and understand their disorder, their challenges and more importantly how to help." (:29)

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You can also advocate for increased access to pediatric care and newborn screenings. Also – show your stripes. Literally. Zebras are the symbol for rare diseases. So wear striped clothing on Rare Disease Day.