## Parents cry for help to wake son from 10 years in coma

NJ Parents urgent request for help to wake their son Joey from 10 years in coma.

**Aug. 30, 2010** - *PRLog* -- This is the first fundraiser Biagio and I have sought help with because it hits so close to home. Just a couple of weeks before Christmas in 1999, Biagio's cousin, Joey Pluchino was in a horrible car accident. He was only 17 years old and had just started his senior year in high school. It was so devastating for his parents, Joe and Caroline Pluchino and the Pluchino and Agostinelli families. Joey was their only child. He was so young; he had such a wonderful future ahead of him that seemed destroyed in an instant. Although he survived, he has been in a coma ever since the day of the accident.

Joey's parents, Joe and Caroline Pluchino, are Biagio's aunt and uncle. Biagio is especially close to them because they introduced him to life in America after he immigrated from Italy in the late 1980's. He lived with them for years; they took him in as a second son. Biagio and Joey were close cousins. In short, Biagio wouldn't have made his American dream come true had it not been for Uncle Joe and Aunt Caroline.

Joe and Caroline never gave up hope for their son. It has now been 11 years since Joey's accident. The Pluchinos have been selected to participate in an amazing, life-transforming treatment. Please check it out at: www.ibrfinc.org./news.htm

The protocol has awakened 43 patients, 84 percent from vegetative or minimally conscious states with no major negative side effects. The nationwide rate is less than 7 percent. There is a great article about it in Popular Science – Frontiers of Medicine, Radical Cures: Waking up the Brain-Dead by Corey Binns, Popular Science March 2, 2010. Dr. Philip DeFina says: "His time has come, we have great hope. We're proud of our record of flukes," he and his colleagues have lots of them.

Biagio and I made a personal decision to reach out to all our friends simply because this is such a personal situation for us. If you are able to help out in any manner whatsoever, it would be such an incredible blessing. If you are not able to, we only ask that you please pray for Joey and his parents - that if it's God's will, Joey will be able to participate in this treatment....and possibly come back to all of us.

A current picture of Joey is below. More information regarding how to make a tax-deductible donation is provided by Joe Pluchino (see his e-mail below).

Thank you so very much for your consideration of this request and God bless you all.

Wendy and Biagio Agostinelli

Joe's E-Mail:

Dear Family and Friends,

We have great news to tell after 10 long years of waiting, the time has come for our Joey.

We've enrolled our Joey with The International Brain Research Foundation.

He is starting treatments this week August 24th. 2010 at JFK - Hart wick

We are going to need your help and your friends help too!

You all know that it is very hard and very difficult for us; to ask you for money/donations.

The problem is that this protocol is not covered by insurance.

There are many donors that have contributed millions to the IBRF, we urgently need you help, large or small.

The IBRF has asked us to raise \$125,000.00.

Because of this reason, we have started a Fundraising for Joey.

There are many ways you can donate – See their web site.

The IBRF contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

The IBRF, Inc. is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit corporation located in the county of Middlesex in NJ

Please tell all the contributors to put Joey's name in the memo field of the check.

IBRF will simply use Joey's name, no case number or account number is necessary.

You could mail to us at:

55 Indian Spring Road, Budd Lake NJ 07828

I will collect all the checks and give it to IBRF, so IBRF and we can track all the contributions made.

Or send it to:

The International Brain Research Foundation, Inc

100 Menlo Park, Suite 412

Edison, NJ 08837

Or call at: 732.494.7600

Contributors to IBRF research are truly very important members of our team.

Their support and advocacy are essential to carrying out IBRF's mission.

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