Steve Trowern Helps Kids with Muscular Dystrophy Find Hope

Steven Trowern and his wife recently put together a benefit concert in New York City to raise money for the [Hope for Gus Foundation](http://hopeforgus.org/), a New Hampshire-based nonprofit organization that works to find a cure for Duchenne muscular dystrophy. Mr. Trowern, a managing partner with MCM Capital Partners, LLC, is a member of the group’s executive committee and a supporter of a number of other community causes.

Hope for Gus sprang from one family’s desire to make life better for their son Gus, diagnosed with DMD—one of the most vicious genetically based killers of children. The disease, which affects one out of every 3,500 boys, is usually detected between three and six years of age. The progressive, muscle-atrophying condition is the most severe form of muscular dystrophy. It usually forces patients into wheelchairs by their teens, and is commonly fatal by the time patients are in their 30s.

Hope for Gus puts its resources into funding promising research projects, often in collaboration with other charitable groups. Thanks to supporters such as Steve Trowern, Hope for Gus is working with investigators at the University of Michigan on the development of an enhanced screening technique, and with others at the University of Washington who are examining potential therapeutic measures.