



Ascendis Pharma A/S Announces Support for Children's Growth Awareness Week and Day 2020

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– Introduces #Together4Growth to increase awareness of children's growth disorders, including a four-question Growth Quiz to help parents identify signs and symptoms –

– Public encouraged to visit www.together4growth.com and share their growth disorder stories using #Together4Growth –

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Sept. 15, 2020 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Ascendis Pharma A/S (Nasdaq: ASND), a biopharmaceutical company that utilizes its innovative technologies to address unmet medical needs, today announced its support of Children's Growth Awareness Week, taking place September 13–19, 2020, and introduced [#Together4Growth](https://www.together4growth.com), a disease awareness campaign reflecting the company's commitment to improving the lives of children with growth disorders. The global initiative will be celebrated as International Children's Growth Awareness Day on September 20, 2020.

The [#Together4Growth](https://www.together4growth.com) campaign communicates the importance of tracking and measuring a child's growth patterns and discussing any potential issues with a healthcare professional. It features a four-question Growth Quiz to help parents and caregivers identify common signs and symptoms of growth disorders and to find educational resources. During Growth Awareness Week, the public is encouraged to use [#Together4Growth](https://www.together4growth.com) to share personal stories, tips and experiences about growth disorders on together4growth.com via their own social media channels.

"The signs and symptoms of growth disorders can often be overlooked in children or not recognized as being potentially linked to serious medical conditions and a child's overall endocrine health," said Aimee Shu, M.D., Senior Medical Director, Clinical Development at Ascendis Pharma. "During a time where routine health checks may be disrupted, we are proud to introduce [#Together4Growth](https://www.together4growth.com) and shine a light on children's growth. The campaign includes a 4-question Growth Quiz to help families keep growth top of mind and encourage them to seek help for any concerns."

In July 2014, the U.S. Senate passed S. Res. 489, a resolution recognizing and supporting the goals and ideals of a "Growth Awareness Week," to increase awareness in the community about the importance of what a child's growth pattern can say about overall health. Since then, patient organizations and advocates work together each year to focus global public awareness on children's growth during September.

"Children who aren't growing properly may have early warning signs of a medical condition that is not just cosmetic. It's important and critical for parents to pay close attention to their child's growth, to be vigilant and not dismiss these signs as something he or she will outgrow," said Jamie Harvey, Chief Executive Officer of ICOSEP (International Coalition of Organizations Supporting Endocrine Patients). "There are global resources where parents can learn more about growth disorders and improving overall endocrine health for their children, including ICOSEP, an international coalition of patient and professional groups who are working together as one team to help children and families around the world."

Parents and caregivers can learn more about children's growth and the importance of discussing any potential issues with their doctor. Visit www.together4growth.com to view and share the Growth Quiz as well as more information and resources.

About Ascendis Pharma A/S

Ascendis Pharma is applying its innovative platform technology to build a leading, fully integrated biopharma company focused on making a meaningful difference in patients' lives. Guided by its core values of patients, science and passion, the company utilizes its TransCon™ technologies to create new and potentially best-in-class therapies.

Ascendis Pharma currently has a pipeline of three independent endocrinology rare disease product candidates in clinical development and is advancing oncology as its second therapeutic area of focus. The company continues to expand into additional therapeutic areas to address unmet patient needs.

Ascendis is headquartered in Copenhagen, Denmark, with additional offices in Heidelberg and Berlin, Germany, and in Palo Alto and Redwood City, California.

For more information, please visit www.ascendispharma.com.

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