Project Title: Sponsor a Sturge-Weber Foundation Awareness Event at your School

Background: Some people have a disease or disability that no one can see so they don’t have to share information about their appearance every time they go out in public. Often, that is not the case for individuals with Sturge-Weber syndrome or associated Port Wine birthmark conditions. Sharing information about yourself, your family member or a friend can help others understand the differences and challenges faced daily. Sharing information about The Sturge-Weber Foundation make you a champion for those we serve. The Vision of the Sturge-Weber Foundation is that in all areas of life – public, professional, personal – the following goals will be achievable for our members:

- **In Awareness** – when the public will be able to see past the disability to the person.
- **In Empowerment** – when families and individuals will be able to obtain the medical care, employment, education, respect and personal achievement they seek.
- **In Research** - when the pace of discovery will not be hampered by lack of resources and will lead continually toward a cure and advances in treatment.

What you do:

1. Contact the appropriate administrator at your school to see if you can have an event
2. Discuss the best way to share your awareness presentation. Would it be better in a small classroom setting? An assembly? Maybe even a table at back to school night to engage parents too?
3. Once you have permission and know how you plan to share information, contact Bonnie at bayers@sturge-weber.org or 973-895-4445 x 103 to order any supplies you would like to use from The SWF office to help you share your story and the Sturge-Weber Foundation story.
4. Get Credit! ☺ Please take pictures of your event so they can be included in The SWF Branching Out Newsletter and/or on the SWF Website. Pictures should be emailed to Bonnie Ayers at bayers@sturge-weber.org. Also, tell us about your event! We’d love to hear all about it!

Supplies available:

- SWF Brochures
- Check it Out Cards
- Someone Special Booklet
- Color Me The Same Coloring Books
- Kids Guide to Sturge-Weber syndrome
- Teen Guide to Sturge-Weber syndrome
- Posters
- Wristbands
- Vimeo Presentations

Other idea: Make your presentation at a local community group such as Kiwanis, Rotary, your local or place of worship.