

A Community of Giving: Supporting the Turner Syndrome Foundation

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Ellen Gong is a woman determined to make a difference. She has been working for several years now establishing a presence on Etsy, a website designed for creative individuals like herself to showcase their work. This year she has created a fundraiser through her Etsy shop with all proceeds going to the Turner Syndrome Foundation. Start shopping by visiting <http://www.etsy.com/shop/ElleEverydayJewelry>.

What does she create? Ellen makes jewelry, a pursuit she became interested in because of an injury to her back. She opened her own Etsy shop, Ellen's Everyday Jewelry, on August 22, 2010 and since then has sold jewelry to people across the United States generally receiving positive feedback. She keeps up with new trends in jewelry by receiving jewelry magazines in the mail and through online research.

This is not the first time that Ellen has created a fundraiser for charitable purposes. Earlier this year she donated all proceeds from her shop to support her daughter, Emily, in fundraising for Emily's Relay for Life team, Forever United. Ellen is a proud supporter of many causes but for the rest of the year her cause is Turner Syndrome. Why Turner Syndrome? It is the leading chromosomal abnormality in females affecting 1 in 2000 female live births and accounts for 10% of all miscarriages. One of her daughters also has a chromosomal abnormality that results in issues that are similar to those of individuals with Turner Syndrome including learning issues, visual-spatial difficulties, and psychosocial concerns so she has a vested interest in supporting individuals with disabilities.

With your support, the Turner Syndrome Foundation and individuals like Ellen can create a community of giving that will foster a greater understanding of this complex condition. There are many ways you can support the Turner Syndrome Foundation including online shopping through websites like OneCause and Goodsearch. Both websites allow you to select the Turner Syndrome Foundation as your charity of choice with a designated amount of the proceeds from your purchases going to the foundation. The foundation needs your continued support to further its mission of raising awareness and advocating for all girls and women with Turner Syndrome. To learn more about the foundation, visit www.turnersyndromefoundation.org or call 732-847-3385. Start making a difference today!

