



Changing Minds Foundation's Live Butterfly Flutter By



On Sunday, May 17th, the Changing Minds Foundation will host their first Butterfly Flutter

By to benefit Down syndrome research.

One thousand live Painted Lady butterflies

will be released at St. Martin's Episcopal

Church representing freedom from the cognitive limita-

tions of Down syndrome. Formed by Teresa Cody, DDS, Changing Minds Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to expanding research and education about Down syndrome.

Participants can release their own butterfly or watch chil-



dren with Down syndrome free butterflies to help expand awareness of the need for research to treat Down syndrome. Butterfly donations are \$21 each and represent the extra copy of chromosome 21 that causes the disease.

For more information about Changing Minds Foundation's Live Butterfly Flutter By or to purchase a butterfly for release, visit www.changingmindsfoundation.org or e-mail changingmindsfoundation@gmail.com.

Sunday, May 17th, 2009, 12:30 to 2:00 pm, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 717 Sage Road, Houston, TX 77056.

Teresa's protocol.

Changing a Mind was shown at the New York International Independent Film and Video Festival, the Los Angeles International Independent Film and Video Festival, and it premiered to a packed house at Houston's River Oaks Theatre. "It was so good to see the audience receptive to the documentary," said Teresa. "I hope that the film inspired them and that the mothers were able to see possibilities for their children." Neal and Riley, of course, had a

major role in the screening.

"I brought Neal up on stage and handed him the microphone," said Teresa. Neal said, clearly and loudly, "I want my best friend Riley to come on up!" Riley ran up to the stage and Neal told him to 'say hi' which of course, he did. "You could just tell that all of those mothers saw what Neal could do and thought it could happen for their children as well."

The eighty minute film is available on the Changing Minds Foundation website,

the progress that the film documents is ground-breaking. Children that could not read are reading; children that could not do math are adding and subtracting. Those that lost function as adults have regained abilities. "The life improvement is tremendous," said Teresa. "Before, parents didn't think about trying to get treatment for their kids," said Angela. "Now, they can see that treatment is available and the progress can be amazing."

Both Neal and Riley's progress has been amazing. "Now that we have memory, we can learn," said Teresa. "The lights are on." The lights are on thanks to the love, support and diligence of these two amazing mothers. ■ FVF



Erin Cashion, Teresa Cody, Neal Cashion & Tim Cashion.



Neal and Riley on Ferris wheel in Chicago.