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North Jersey rock group The Lappes will perform at 4th annual NJ Walks for TS at Mendham

*The event, which will take place November 23, is the second this year
for The Lappes in partnership with the NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome*

MENDHAM, N.J. – The New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome & Associated Disorders (NJCTS) is proud to announce that The Lappes (pronounced laps) will partner with NJCTS for the second time this year by playing at the 4th annual **NJ Walks for TS at Mendham**, on Saturday, November 23, at Borough Park.



The Lappes, who played in April at NJ Walks for TS at Ramapo College, are looking forward to the upcoming event and will begin playing when registration and check-in opens at 9 a.m. The walk itself will commence at 10 a.m.

The Lappes are a four-piece, smooth rock fusion band that have taken their inspiration from classic rock and reggae icons such as The Allman Brothers Band and Toots and the Maytals, and fused it with contemporary sounds comparable to John Mayer and Phish. Band members include guitarist and vocalist Tom Wilkinson; guitarist, pianist and vocalist Will Miehe; bassist John Fraze and percussionist Shane Naidoo.

Tourette Syndrome (TS) is an inherited, misdiagnosed, misunderstood neurological disorder characterized by involuntary movements and sounds called tics that affects 1 in 100 children and adults. Miehe – who was diagnosed with TS,



Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD) and Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) in the third grade – is excited to once again support New Jersey's vast TS community.

“We had a great time playing at the last walk,” Mieke said. “TS is something that has affected me personally. Music has helped me cope with it, and I would like to share my outlet with others. We hope for a good turnout and anticipate an amazing time.”

The Lappes have performed in numerous iconic New Jersey locations, including The Court Tavern in New Brunswick and The Revel Casino in Atlantic City. Currently, The Lappes are cutting a demo EP that will be ready for release by the end of November 2013. For more information or to look up show dates, please visit www.lappesmusic.com or www.facebook.com/TheLappes. You also can follow them on Twitter @lappetheband, on Instagram @thelappes and at www.soundcloud.com/thelappes.

NJ Walks for TS at Mendham will be a day of advocacy, awareness, acceptance and action geared toward raising funds to support educating students and teachers about TS across the Garden State through the School In-Service Program. All money raised will help fund the School In-Service Program, which costs NJCTS \$71,000 per year.

More information about NJ Walks for TS is available by calling 908-575-7350 or by visiting the official [registration](#) and [fundraising](#) pages.

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