

CURE's Mission

Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to finding a cure for epilepsy by raising funds for research, and by increasing awareness of the prevalence and devastation of this disease.

Dear Friends,

After 15 years, it is still overwhelming to reflect upon CURE's growth, and—most importantly—the impact we have had on advancing epilepsy research. From a group of frustrated mothers around my kitchen table in Chicago, to an international network of advocates and researchers, CURE is now the largest non-governmental funder of epilepsy research in the world, and has influenced the epilepsy research agenda at all levels.

This momentum is illustrated in this 2012 Annual Report, which highlights fundraising and awareness events from coast to coast, and research activities around the globe. Important scientific breakthroughs are occurring at an unprecedented rate.

Each individual in this report—from patients and loved ones, to researchers—shares our core belief that uniting around the common goal of finding cures for the epilepsies will lead us to the day when we can deepen our understanding of epilepsy and, ultimately, defeat it. Along the way, too, the work we invest in, will provide meaningful answers and hope for so many who are suffering.

We owe each of you an enormous debt of gratitude for caring and for joining and supporting this effort. Our commitment to you is sincere and steadfast—we will continue to seek out and support the transformative research opportunities that can truly change and save lives.

With our deepest appreciation,



Susan Axelrod
Founding Chair

CURE is the leading nongovernmental agency focused on funding research in epilepsy.

CURE has raised over \$26 million to fund epilepsy research and other initiatives that will lead the way to cures. Ninety cents of every dollar goes toward research program activities.

Epilepsy can and will succumb to biomedical research. Advances in imaging and genetics are leading to a much deeper understanding of both the normal and the epileptic brain.

“David had his first seizure when he was only 10 months old. There are no words to describe how helpless we felt—and devastated that his life won’t be anything that we dreamed for him. After 10 years of countless seizures and ineffective medications, we finally found one that has stopped his seizures. But we know our battle with epilepsy isn’t won yet. We are inspired and grateful to CURE for raising awareness and the funds needed for research. I know progress is being made because of CURE.”



CURE 2012 Research Awards

Grants marked with an asterisk are made possible by the generous support of individuals, families, foundations, or corporations.

CHALLENGE AWARDS

Two- to three-year grants up to \$250,000 for established investigators

THE CJM FOUNDATION AWARD*

Peter Crino, MD, PhD, Temple University, "A Novel Transposon Causes Focal Cortical Dysplasia"

THE HELDMAN FAMILY | CURE AWARD*

Robert Fujinami, PhD, University of Utah, "New Treatments for Epilepsy that Regulate Complement Activity"

MULTIDISCIPLINARY AWARDS

Two-year grants up to \$350,000 in support of collaborative research

THE BRIGHTER FUTURE AWARD*

Steven Schiff, MD, PhD; Andrew Read, PhD; Bruce Gluckman, PhD; Patrick Drew, PhD; Antonio Stoute, MD, Pennsylvania State University, "A Murine Model for Preventing Postmalarial Epilepsy"

THE DRAVET SYNDROME FOUNDATION AWARD*

Jingqiong Kang, MD, PhD, Vanderbilt University, "Probing synaptic changes in a novel mouse model of severe epilepsy with nanoparticle-enabled 3D super-resolution imaging"

INNOVATOR AWARDS

One-year grants up to \$50,000 in support of the exploration of a highly innovative new concept or untested theory that addresses an important problem relevant to epilepsy

MADISON FRIENDS OF CURE AWARD*

Philip Haydon, PhD, Tufts University, "Astrocyte receptors as a therapeutic target for treating epilepsy"

Stephen Jones, MD, PhD; Jorge Gonzalez-Martinez, MD, PhD, Cleveland Clinic, "Localizing epileptic foci by simultaneous intracranial stimulation and fMRI"

Stephen Moss, PhD, Tufts University, "Restoring the function of the K⁺-Cl⁻ cotransporter to limit pharmacoresistant seizures"

David Hsu, MD, PhD, University of Wisconsin Madison & **Gregory Worrell, MD, PhD**, Mayo Clinic, "Time-resolved wide-band analysis of EEG using the damped-oscillator oscillator detector (DOOD)."

TAKING FLIGHT AWARDS

One-year grants up to \$100,000 in support of young investigators

Pascale Quilichini, PhD, INSERM, France, "Local dynamics and dialog among hippocampo- entorhinal networks in a model of temporal lobe epilepsy *in vivo*"

Kuei-Cheng Lim, MD, PhD, University of Pennsylvania, "Manipulation of mTOR signaling in focal cortical dysplasia related epilepsy"

Huajun Feng, MD, PhD, Massachusetts General Hospital & Harvard Medical School, "Role of Central 5-HT Transmission In Respiratory Arrest Induced by Seizures"

Jonathan Viventi, PhD, Polytechnic Institute of New York University, "Suppressing Seizure Initiating Patterns with High-Resolution Active Electrode Arrays"

Yangzhong Huang, MD, PhD, Duke University Medical Center, "Targeting of Src Family Kinases for Treatment of Mesial Temporal Lobe Epilepsy"

Joy Sebe, PhD, University of California, San Francisco, "Determining the role of GABA activity in interneuron development: toward developing a cell therapy for epilepsy"

SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY (SUDEP) AWARDS

One-year grants up to \$100,000 in support of SUDEP research

THE CURE & HOPE4SUDEP AWARD IN HONOR OF CAMERON BENNINGHOVEN*

Edward Glasscock, PhD, Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center, "Pharmacological reversal of cardiorespiratory deficiency in the *Kcnai*-null model of SUDEP"

THE ROCK THE BLOCK FOR PEDIATRIC EPILEPSY RESEARCH AWARD*

Chris Semsarian, PhD, University of Sydney/University of Melbourne, "Neuro-Cardiac Genetic Basis of Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP)"

Sanjay Sisodiya, PhD, University College London; **Samden Lhatoo, MD**, Case Western Reserve University; **Maria Thom, MD**, University College London; **Jane Hanna**, Epilepsy Bereaved; "The Brain in Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP) - New Insights from Pathology"

THE 2012 CHRISTOPHER DONALTY & KYLE COGGINS AWARD*
Geoffrey Pitt, MD, PhD, Duke University, "Development of a Mouse Model for SUDEP"

“I support CURE and epilepsy research for my daughter, and for all the others who live with, and die from epilepsy.”



CURE Convenes Advisory Panel to Identify Promising Avenue for Research

In January 2012, CURE called together a select group of key opinion leaders in epilepsy research. Their expertise covered pediatric and adult neurology, genetics, animal models, epidemiology, and the pharmaceutical industry. They met for two days with CURE staff and board representation with a goal of identifying at least one research opportunity area. Over the course of the meeting, each major research area was discussed, remaining open to areas which appeared particularly ready for discovery.

As a group, the idea of a focused initiative on infantile spasms emerged with the most potential for making strides in the near term. As with most catastrophic epilepsies of childhood, there is a sense of urgency around infantile spasms. It was determined that CURE should utilize its expanding infrastructure to develop a highly focused team approach and milestone-driven research initiative that would serve to build consensus within the epilepsy community to find a potential cure for this devastating condition. Following the meeting, the same group of key opinion leaders agreed to help steward the initiative along in assisting with the writing of the request for proposals, reviewing letters of intent, and reviewing the full proposals that were received in November 2012. These extraordinary epilepsy leaders have continued to provide their support as the investigators were selected for funding and are now beginning their groundbreaking work in CURE's first endeavor into team science.

CURE is tremendously grateful to the international advisory panel listed on this page who lent their time and expertise to foster this initiative. CURE hopes that the successful identification and development of one or more novel therapies for the treatment of infantile spasms will serve to align the epilepsy community and demonstrate how a strategic and targeted team effort can move a novel therapy from the bench to the bedside.

2012 Advisory Panel

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CURE Research Focus Area

Infantile Spasms Research Initiative

As a result of the 2012 Advisory Panel, (described on page 6), CURE expanded its research program to include a groundbreaking, targeted, team science initiative to advance understanding of infantile spasms. Infantile spasms (IS) is a rare childhood epilepsy syndrome that can have profoundly negative long-term developmental and cognitive consequences. Disease onset is typically between 3-7 months of age, and many children develop other seizure syndromes as they age. Infantile spasms is characterized by hypsarrhythmia on the EEG, a developmental feature unique to this syndrome. Importantly, a strong correlation has been noted between the presence of hypsarrhythmia plus spasms and cognitive and developmental delays.

Early and complete control of spasms can lead to an improved long-term outcome; however, currently available treatments are not always effective and are often associated with substantial adverse effects. Most importantly, there is no reliable means to identify which patient will respond to which therapy. There is a clear unmet need for expanding our understanding of the pathophysiology of infantile spasms. As such, CURE issued a directed call for proposals to accelerate the understanding of infantile spasms and advance a new, disease-modifying therapy into the clinic.

After an enthusiastic response from the research community, eight lead investigators were selected for funding in the initial phase of the initiative.

These eight investigators bring a wealth of expertise and perspectives to the team that spans adult and pediatric neurology, basic mechanisms of the epilepsies, animal modeling, human genetics, and clinical trial design and execution. Most importantly, this initiative is unique in that it involves focused ‘team science’ that will be driven by the outcomes of the research.

Preclinical models to identify new treatments are the focus of projects led by Aristea Galanopoulou, MD, PhD (Albert Einstein College of Medicine), Jeff Noebels, MD, PhD (Baylor College of Medicine), John Swann, PhD (Baylor College of Medicine), and Libor Velisek, MD, PhD (New York Medical College). Chris Dulla, PhD (Tufts University) is developing a new model of IS by disrupting a signaling pathway that has yet to be studied in this setting. Manisha Patel, PhD (University of Colorado Denver) is developing a technique which may be used for biomarker discovery in IS patients. Douglas Nordli, MD (Lurie Children’s Hospital) is performing a clinical study which could revolutionize the way patients are treated, and finally, Elliott Sherr, MD, PhD (University of California, San Francisco) is taking advantage of ongoing large-scale genetic studies to study the largest cohort of IS patients collected, to date.

This is only the first step in accelerating the understanding of IS and advancing a new, disease-modifying therapy into the clinic using a multi-year, strategic, milestone-driven, collaborative research initiative.

CURE Research Focus Area

Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP)

SUDEP

Since 2004, CURE has pioneered innovative research into Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP). SUDEP refers to deaths in people with epilepsy that are not caused by injury, drowning, or other known causes. It frequently occurs with evidence of an associated seizure.

Funding nearly \$2 million in grants to date, strides continue to be made in the field. As a result, CURE's researchers studying SUDEP throughout Canada, France, Sweden, USA, the UK and Australia have provided evidence for:

- An animal model that can be utilized to study the underlying mechanisms and potential risk factors for SUDEP
- The role of serotonin pathways in SUDEP
- The link between mutations in genes involved in the heart and brain in SUDEP
- A possible relationship between respiratory dysfunction and SUDEP
- The success of a network of pediatric neurologists to develop and support a SUDEP registry for children in Canada

PAME Conference

This year, CURE was proud to help plan and implement the first-ever *Partners Against Mortality in Epilepsy* (PAME) conference. Co-chaired by CURE Board member Gardiner Lapham, the conference attracted epilepsy researchers, clinicians, bereaved and interested persons and families from around the world.

For two-and-a-half days, people gathered to build partnerships, foster knowledge, increase awareness and hasten action around epilepsy mortality and SUDEP.

Legislation

In December, a NJ-state bill was introduced to the legislature that would require medical examiner training of SUDEP and request decedent's medical information and brain donation for research. It acknowledges that *research to help prevent SUDEP has been hindered by the lack of a systematic collection of medical information and brain tissue of individuals who have died from SUDEP*. Medical examiners can serve a key role in diagnosing SUDEP, but currently medical examiners often do not recognize that a death may be the result of SUDEP. CURE Board Member Gardiner Lapham testified in support of the bill; its passage would indicate significant progress toward identifying additional cases of SUDEP and help collect information to put toward research into causes of SUDEP.



Dr. Orrin Devinsky, Gardiner Lapham, Kelly & Chris Kirby

CURE Supports Institute of Medicine Report

CURE co-sponsored the Institute of Medicine Report, *Epilepsy Across the Spectrum*, released in March 2012. Unprecedented, the report challenged and encouraged the community to think of epilepsy as a spectrum disorder. In its nearly 400 pages, the report cited the “epilepsies,” more accurately identifying it as more than a singular condition.

Other co-sponsors of the Report included members of Vision 20/20, a consortium of more than 20 consumer, health professional and advocacy organizations concerned with the broad spectrum of seizure syndromes and disorders. The group’s primary interests are improving epilepsy awareness and understanding and the advancement of basic and clinical research to prevent, treat, and cure the epilepsies.

The Institute of Medicine serves as an advisor to the nation to improve health, and provides independent, objective, evidence-based advice. The unbiased report is the first of its kind to focus on epilepsy, and is considered the gold standard of reference. It details many recommendations—most with a public health focus—that will address this enormously challenging and devastating spectrum of syndromes. IOM President Harvey Fineberg, MD, PhD described epilepsy as “a problem remarkably hidden for such a visible illness,” and commented that the condition is “a very serious problem that has been too long neglected as a public health concern.”

Importantly, the report cites a study showing how few government dollars are invested in epilepsy research compared to other neurological diseases when adjusted for number of patients. This reinforces CURE’s beliefs that epilepsy research needs to focus on cures and preventative approaches, rather than simply seizure suppression.

To keep scientists and researchers in the labs today and for future generations, to continue making strides toward a cure for epilepsy

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IOM President Harvey Fineberg, MD, PhD

and other debilitating and deadly diseases, we must make up for the lack of federal support. Private funding is more important than ever.

Submitting written proposals and testifying before the Institute of Medicine’s independent committee on “The Public Health Dimensions of the Epilepsies,” CURE played a key role in helping establish the IOM committee. The committee was responsible for recommending priorities in public health, healthcare and human services, and health literacy and public awareness for the epilepsies and to propose strategies to address these priorities. These recommendations were ultimately transformed into *Epilepsy Across the Spectrum*.

Between 2008–2012, NIH funding for epilepsy increased \$8M while funding for autism increased \$51M and Alzheimer’s increased \$86M



CURE and Autism Speaks Come Together at NIH Workshop

A significant number of patients with autism will suffer seizures. Estimates have been as high as 40% and studies have shown this often happens in adolescence. The data in epilepsy is less clear, but there are certain syndromes—such as infantile spasms—which are associated with an increased risk for developing autism spectrum disorders.

For the first time, leaders in the fields of epilepsy and autism came together when CURE and Autism Speaks united at a National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) workshop and discussed how to work collaboratively to combat these devastating disorders. Sponsored by NINDS, with support from CURE and Autism Speaks, more than four dozen researchers and clinicians gathered for two days to share data, experiences, and ideas for potential collaboration. Speakers addressed topics which focused on building a research

agenda around the commonalities, some still being uncovered, between the epilepsy and autism spectrums.

It is evident that there is a link between these disorders, and that the research and clinical communities need to work together. Over the course of the two-day workshop, data was presented on epidemiology, neurophysiology, genetics, and how these patient populations should be studied in clinical trials. Most importantly, ideas were exchanged, and a new partnership was forged in the search for common mechanisms underlying both epilepsy and autism.

Studies suggest that up to 40% of patients with autism will suffer seizures.

“Epilepsy has affected my life since my early twenties. While my seizures are controlled now with a pretty harsh medication, I suffered for years—I couldn’t drive, was afraid to hold my son, and felt like a prisoner in my own home. It’s so hard on the whole family, too. I hope we can find a cure for everyone!”

Research Organizations Supported by CURE Around the World

CURE is proud to have supported researchers at the following esteemed institutions over the years.

Albert Einstein College of Medicine
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*CURE
has funded
151 grants in
11 countries.*

*More than
\$26M raised.*

*.90 of every
dollar invested
goes toward
research
program
activities.*

**CURE wishes to
thank the following
individuals and
organizations for
their remarkable
fundraising efforts
in 2012.**

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8th Annual Drive for CURE
Beach Park, IL

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Chicago, IL

S4—Sarah & Southbury
Strikeout Seizures
Epilepsy Walk
Southbury, CT

\$25,000–\$99,999
HOPE4SUDEP
Chicago, IL

\$10,000–\$24,999
Building CURE Globally
(ongoing)

Clipper Round the World
South Africa to West
Australia

Natalie Jane's Birthday Party
Topeka, KS

Madison Friends of CURE
The 2nd Annual
Dog Days of Summer
Dog Wash
Joey's Song CD release
Party
Haunted Hustle Race
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Madison, WI

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Richmond, RI

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Washington, DC

\$5,000–\$9,999
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San Francisco, CA

\$2,500–\$4,999
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5K Run and Fun Walk
Langhorne, PA

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Arlington, VA

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\$1,000–\$2,499

Team Scott
Newport, RI

Under \$1,000
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Statements of Financial Position

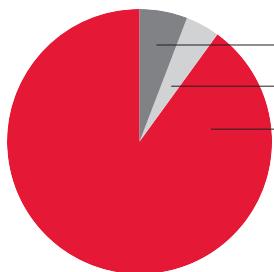
CURE strives every day to find a cure for epilepsy. By design, CURE does not have an endowment fund, because we feel the funds raised should—and need to—be funneled into studies to find cures. We know that every dollar counts because every seizure matters.

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
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Assets		
Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments	\$10,850,710	\$8,117,892
Prepaid Expenses	39,576	25,586
Contributions Receivable	387,576	1,006,292
Fixed Assets, Net	23,188	20,715
Security Deposits	7,571	8,321
Total Assets	\$11,308,591	\$9,178,806
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Liabilities & Net Assets		
Liabilities		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$102,467	\$46,720
Grants Payable	3,016,042	1,826,339
Total Liabilities	3,118,509	1,873,059
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Net Assets		
Unrestricted	7,673,416	6,172,414
Temporarily Restricted	516,666	1,133,333
Total Net Assets	8,190,082	7,305,747
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$11,308,591	\$9,178,806

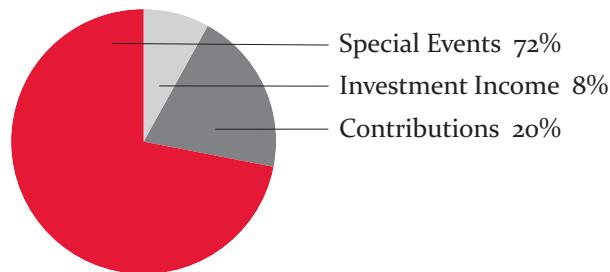
Statements of Activities and Change in Net Assets

	December 31, 2012	December 31, 2011
Support & Revenue		
Contributions	\$1,102,998	\$2,044,776
Special Events	3,986,108	1,988,985
Investment Income	463,972	154,553
Miscellaneous Income	5,417	1,482
Total Support & Revenue	\$5,558,495	\$4,189,796
Expenses		
Program Services	4,189,960	\$2,312,437
Fundraising Expenses	304,291	261,235
Administrative Expenses	179,909	200,375
Total Expenses	4,674,160	2,774,047
Change in Net Assets	884,335	1,415,749
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	7,305,747	5,889,998
Net Assets, End of Year	\$8,190,082	\$7,305,747

Efficiency of Expenditures



Sources of Revenues



Donors

The below listing is made up of individuals, foundations and corporations that generously supported CURE's mission during this fiscal year.

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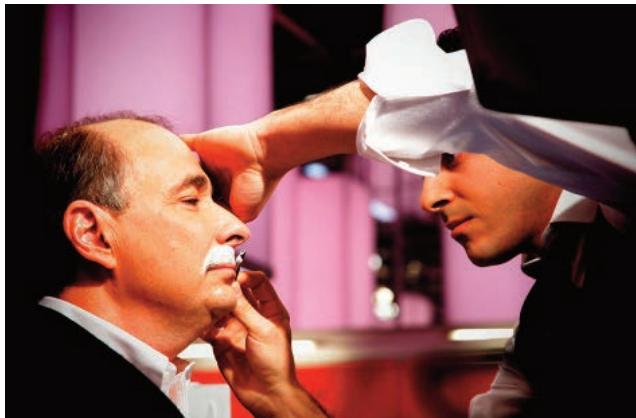
Throughout the year, friends of CURE around the country host fundraisers and events to raise awareness and funds in support of our mission. The following are examples of how people are getting involved—we are grateful to everyone who hosts and participates.

Slash the 'Stache

David Axelrod and CURE supporter Joe Scarborough of MSNBC's Morning Joe announced in November—Epilepsy Awareness Month—that if David could raise \$1 million for epilepsy research, he'd shave his 30-year-old mustache on live television. Generously kicking off one of CURE'S biggest campaigns ever, Joe pledged the first \$10,000 and inspired nearly 3,000 others to donate to CURE.

The Slash the 'Stache campaign raised a total of \$1.1 million for research in epilepsy. David shaved his mustache on Morning Joe and his new look was so well-received, he didn't grow it back!

Live from CNN, fellow father and Friend of CURE Alex Castellanos showed support by proposing a year-end challenge: if 500 more people donated to CURE by January 1, 2013, he too would shave his lifelong mustache live on *The Situation Room*.



Slash the 'Stache campaign raised a total of \$1.1 million for research in epilepsy.

In yet another public outpouring of support, over 500 people donated more than \$100,000 for research in epilepsy.

Scientific progress is years in the making, and unless we search for the answers they will not come to friends and family who are affected by this devastating disease.

One in 26 Americans will develop epilepsy in their lifetime—this remains a huge public health concern for our country and beyond.

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14th Annual Chicago Event

It's always a special evening when friends gather to support CURE in Chicago. The 2012 Annual Chicago Event at Navy Pier was monumental; it was the first time in history CURE raised over \$1 million, making it the single most successful evening ever. In addition to the generosity of donors, there are a number of people who contributed to this event. Bill Daley emceed the evening while legendary musical artist Carole King captivated guests with a heartfelt performance.

CURE expresses the deepest gratitude to all who made the evening possible.



Legendary musician Carole King entertained guests

Rock the Block for Pediatric Epilepsy Research

Kathy Dodd and Stacey Pigott are mothers of young children with epilepsy who live on the same block in Wilmette, Illinois. To help raise awareness for severe epilepsy syndromes, they teamed up in 2008 and started Rock the Block, a bi-annual block party to raise funds for research in pediatric epilepsy. The event has connected numerous families affected by the disease and established a network of people who lend their time, involvement and support to making the event a success. CURE is grateful to Kathy, Stacey and all of the Rock the Block participants for sponsoring multiple research grants that are funding research into a cure for pediatric epilepsy.



above

Rock the Block founders and co-chairs Kathy Dodd and Stacey Pigott

below

Jeanine and Howard Zwirn and Judy Leisher

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Sarah Fradkin

S4 Sarah & Southbury Strikeout Seizures

Nearly 800 people turned out for the first-ever S4 Epilepsy Walk in Southbury, Connecticut. S4 is organized by Monica and David Fradkin, and stands for Sarah and Southbury Strikeout Seizures. Diagnosed with epilepsy at age six, Sarah Fradkin and her family are avid baseball fans and the event name is an ode to their favorite sport. Now 11 years old, Sarah continues to have seizures but refuses to let them slow her down—she attends school, plays sports and spends time with her brothers Noah and Max. S4 is a day-long event, beginning with a 2.74-mile walk followed by dinner and a silent auction. S4 received incredible support from the community, with local restaurants donating food, as well as from Major League Baseball, whose players offered unique experiences to bid on in the silent auction. CURE extends a most sincere thanks to everyone who helped make the S4 Epilepsy Walk a success.



Host Jim Schneider and his father, Alan

Drive for CURE

Susan and Jim Schneider were back on course for their 8th Annual Drive for CURE in August at the Thunderhawk Golf Club in Beach Park, Illinois. Completely sold out, over 100 golfers teed off to benefit CURE. One very lucky golfer even won \$10,000 for his remarkable hole-in-one on the 13th hole.

This annual event supports the "Julie's Hope" award, named after the Schneiders' daughter Julie, who has epilepsy. Thanks to past support, two such awards have already been sponsored.

"Flexible, Active, Implantable Devices for Epilepsy" in 2011 and *"Generation and Characterization of Mouse Models of Cortical Dysplasia"* in 2007 (both three-year awards). CURE is grateful to the Schneiders and the many Drive for CURE participants for helping make several cutting-edge studies possible each year.

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Hugh-a-Thon

Raising awareness is a vital component of CURE's work. From coast to coast, friends have shown their support in creative ways, demonstrating thoughtfulness and devotion to the cause. In the Midwest, two young athletes took their abilities to a new level. When Charlie Mavon and Jeffrey Vitek discovered their best friend Hugh O'Donnell was struggling with epilepsy, they refused to sit on the sidelines. The boys, school swimmers, organized a "Hugh-a-Thon"—

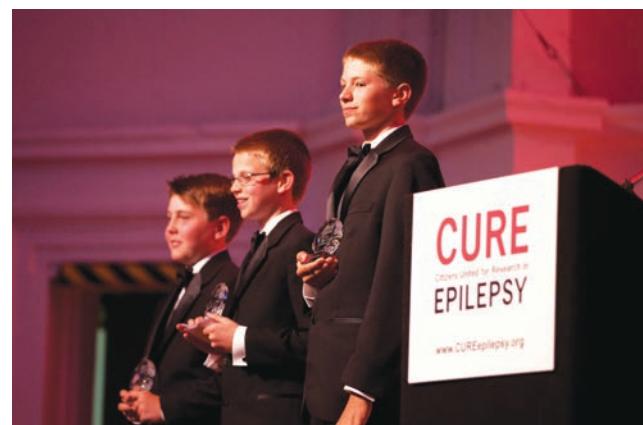


Jeffrey Vitek and Charlie Mavon swimming the Hugh-a-Thon

their version of a swim-a-thon.

Going door to door educating friends and family about epilepsy, the boys collected pledges and donations for swimming as many laps as they could in thirty minutes. Charlie and Jeffrey ended up raising \$6,000 for epilepsy research!

This tribute to Hugh was a remarkable achievement that only underscored the strength of their friendship. CURE was honored to be the recipient of the funds raised through the Hugh-a-Thon.



Hugh O'Donnell, Jeffrey Vitek, Charlie Mavon receiving the CURE Award of Excellence

2nd Annual San Francisco Benefit

CURE was excited to spend an evening raising awareness on the west coast at the 2012 San Francisco Benefit. The co-founder of LinkedIn, Reid Hoffman, was the guest speaker, while the Honorable Willie Brown ran the Fund a Cure auction. Tracy Dixon-Salazar, PhD, was the recipient of the CURE Heroism award. Thank you to our host Evelyn Nussenbaum and all of the attendees for helping raise critical funds for research in epilepsy!



CURE Board member and San Francisco Benefit host Evelyn Nussenbaum with her family



LinkedIn co-founder Reid Hoffman

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CURE's 2012 East Coast Tour

Thanks to some wonderful friends' gracious hosting, CURE spent the year's end visiting Boston, New York and Washington, D.C. In Boston, Anne Finucane and Mike Barnicle co-chaired a beautiful evening at Fenway Park. Special guests Mika Brzezinski and Joe Scarborough hosted CURE and 300 of our friends. It was a great reminder of just how far CURE has come, and a terrific way to wrap up Epilepsy Awareness Month. CURE Board Member Constance Milstein kept busy this



top left
Susan and David Axelrod, VP Joe Biden, CURE Board Member
Constance Milstein and her husband JC de la Haye St Hilare in
Washington, DC

bottom left
Dr. Story Landis of NINDS, Dr. Francis Collins of NIH and Dr. Marc Dybul

season, hosting CURE in both New York City and Washington, D.C. In New York, Mayor Bloomberg stopped by to receive the Friend of CURE award and in Washington, D.C., Vice President Biden was gracious enough to spend part of the evening with CURE. He delivered a powerful speech about the physical and emotional complexities of epilepsy that left the room touched and in tears. Thank you to Anne, Mike, Mika, Joe, Constance, her husband JC de la Haye St Hilare and all of our gracious hosts for their ongoing support.

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U.S. Senator Elizabeth Warren, David Axelrod, Anne Finucane and Mike Barnicle

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CURE Researcher Jonathan Viventi, PhD, Trish Regan and Matthew Dodd from Bloomberg



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