

Annual Campaign 2020

Dear Friend,

Thank you for your continued support of FamilieSCN2A Foundation. In October of this year, we have the pleasure of celebrating our five-year anniversary!

What started out as an online support system for parents and caretakers of children with SCN2A Related Disorders has now grown into an accomplished 501c3 organization that is making great strides in the rare disease community and beyond.

In the past five years because of the funds that you have contributed, we have dedicated over 80% to research to find a cure for SCN2A Disorders.

Changes in the SCN2A gene have recently been recognized as the third most common cause of Autism and fifth most common cause of early onset Epilepsy. Understanding the cause of these devastating disorders has inspired researchers to find new treatments.

There are currently five promising treatments in the pipeline. The Foundation is supporting the work and although all are still in pre-clinical stages of development, we are confident that our children will soon have the opportunity to try these lifesaving treatments.



Three of these treatments will aim at correcting the gene, the others are aimed at alleviating the associated symptoms of the disease to improve the quality of life of the patients.

We are hopeful that through our continued dedicated research funding we will not only find a cure for SCN2A Disorders, but also continue our journey to help the larger Autism and Epilepsy communities.

As we look toward the future, we are mindful that research is at the forefront of our mission. However, we know that there are other areas of our community that deserve and are in need of funding.

As a testament to the milestones we have made with your help, we are excited to announce that in honor of our fifth anniversary, we are launching our Patient Assistance Grant program!

Through this program, the foundation will set aside a limited amount of funds each year to offer grants to patients with SCN2A Disorders for necessary medical equipment, therapy devices, and educational aids associated with the condition that are not covered through private insurance or alternative assistance programs.

While there has been great progress to date, it is critical that we continue to grow our dedicated research pipeline and offer the Patient Assistance Grant program to families who desperately need these lifesaving opportunities.

In honor of our five-year anniversary, please consider making a thoughtful donation and continue your support of our foundation as we continue to help children and families with SCN2A Disorders fight through this disease.

Any size donation truly does make an impact. IF you are able to donate \$5, \$50, \$500 or \$5,000 today, you are moving our mission forward through research and directly helping families who struggle daily on this journey.

**Donate Now** at www.scn2a.org/donate.html

Gratefully,

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