



Spring 2022

Dear Friend,

This year we are celebrating our 7th anniversary of becoming a nonprofit! Seven years of helping families and funding life-saving research. We are writing to share the “audacious optimism” we at The FamilieSCN2A Foundation feel about building our future *thanks to our generous supporters*.

Changes in the SCN2A gene are recognized as one of **the** most common single-gene causes of autism and early onset epilepsy. Understanding the cause of these devastating disorders has inspired researchers to find new treatments, which are on the horizon.

Over the last 7 years, we have funded nearly \$1,000,000 in research to find a cure for SCN2A-related disorders. FamilieSCN2A supports research for treatments in the areas of drug repurposing, new compounds, and small molecules, as well as gene altering therapeutics. We firmly believe that through our continued dedicated research funding we will not only find a cure for SCN2A-related disorders, but also contribute to the larger autism and epilepsy communities.

In addition to research, we offer a Patient Assistance Grant program, which sets aside funds to help SCN2A patients with necessary equipment and therapy that are not covered through other means. For the last 2 years, we helped to meet the needs of many families devastated by loss of income due to the pandemic by offering Covid-19 Emergency Grants. We are proud to say we were able to fund nearly every grant application.

In honor of our 7th anniversary, please consider making a thoughtful donation to support the work of the Foundation as we continue to help children and families with SCN2A-related 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 through this journey. Please click on the image below to donate or visit scn2a.org for more information.

Gratefully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Burke".

Jennifer Burke, President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Leah A. Myers".

Leah Myers, Founder and Executive Director

