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# **OPENING LETTER**





Lisa P. Todd, chairman, board of directors

Terri L. Klein, president and CEO

**THE NATIONAL MPS SOCIETY'S** sustainability and strength come from decades of carefully nurtured growth and strategic change. 2019 was a year of new milestones, expanded programs, and astounding courage. We continue to extend the reach of our excellence throughout the United States and beyond. We are thankful for a record-setting year that illustrates our financial strength and positions us for even greater MPS community impact. We are inspired by our patients, researchers, clinicians, donors, and industry partners. Years of collaboration have contributed to the 2019 historical outcomes we are excited to share with you.

Highlights of this past year include:

- Advocating for Isabel Bueso (MPS VI) as she successfully testified before Congress on a ruling that would deport her family and remove access to her life-saving therapy.
- Awarding more than \$760,000 in research grants to the world's leading researchers.
- Expanding of the Pathways program with visits to almost 60 newly diagnosed families through home and hospital visits.
- Traveling with more than 60 families to Washington, DC, to advocate for key legislation.
- Establishing the first physician's masterclass for training postdocs and junior faculty on MPS diseases.
- Hosting the 33rd Annual Family Conference at Walt Disney World, continuing a 25-year tradition.

The Society also said goodbye to long-time friend Christa Armstrong, a Rising Sun Legacy Circle founding member, who gifted the Society an incredible \$1 million for MPS II research through our Planned Giving program (see page 15).

This level of planned giving provides the capacity to strengthen our programs in a deeper and more meaningful way. The Christa Armstrong legacy gift meant we could implement the MPS II Research Collaborative and fund two \$100,000 research grants focused on newborn screening assays. In addition, the board advanced critical research program strategies by creating the position of chief scientific officer to enhance our staff, a vision that will benefit our patient community. Continued growth of the research program means we are creating new knowledge and producing innovations that will address some of the world's most pressing MPS questions and challenges.

Our donors continue to trust the National MPS Society because we have continually illustrated the ability to achieve key milestones for our community. We received, for the ninth consecutive year, the coveted 4-star (exceptional) rating from Charity Navigator, an independent charity evaluator, making us a national leader among charities and indicating that we operate and perform in the most fiscally responsible way. The Society is among the top 3% of charities nationwide, outperforming most in the United States. This rating illustrates our dedication to program funding and mission commitment.

Another major role of the Society is to bridge advocacy gaps for our families with local and federal government agencies. This includes providing testimony to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and meeting with the National Institutes of Health. In 2019, we met with the FDA to support clinical trial design for alpha-mannosidosis enzyme replacement therapies, and presented at the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke conference on best practices in patient engagement and data management. The Society is a patient group thought leader and was again sought after for input on new FDA guidelines, patient testimony, and clinical trial designs.

As you review the 2019 Annual Report, we hope you note the accomplishments of our board of directors and committees. We are only able to deliver our mission because of the countless hours our volunteers provide to help our families.

We recognize the challenges that lie ahead and the increased compassion it will require to care for our MPS families. We pledge to provide new levels of support for our rare disease community, now facing a global pandemic, to continue to embrace diversity, and to openly acknowledge how these are interwoven within the underserved populations of our country.

# **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

The **Governance Committee** plays a crucial role in the National MPS Society's guidance and direction by reviewing staff and board member resources, identifying gaps in service delivery, and working to improve overall performance. We are methodically building an infrastructure that will allow the Society to enact real results and sustain its longevity for decades to come. This is accomplished through several key initiatives, such as annual compensation and benefit evaluation, board member reviews, and board election oversight.

# Fostering Powerful Change and Superior Outcomes

In 2019, the Governance Committee considered staffing and personnel needs of the Society, including compensation recommendations. One requirement was to fill the position of development director. The Governance Committee also oversaw the president and CEO in completing employee evaluations and was available as a resource as needed.

After dividing communication initiatives among the staff for most of 2019, the committee determined an extensive recruiting process would begin for a communications director in the new year. In addition, the committee, along with the full board, evaluated the organization's need and approved the creation of a new position, chief scientific officer.

Also in 2019, the Governance Committee oversaw the annual board of directors election process for the upcoming 2020-2021 term. This consisted of a vigorous vetting of all applicants, including personal interviews, prior to the membership voting. For the 2020–2021 term, two new members were welcomed to the board of directors, along with the incumbents. We look to these outstanding volunteers to help guide the Society through strategic decisions.





The Governance Committee exists to ensure that the National MPS Society's board of directors operates in an effective manner. Members of this committee run the election process, train new board members, make certain the board is actively looking for future members, and perform other duties as directed by the president and CEO.

Austin Noll III, Governance Committee chair



# **Decades of Devotion**

The **Family Support Committee** is the cornerstone of our organization. Its purpose is the fundamental reason the Society was created—helping families in every way possible. Whether it's financial aid during a hard time, assistance with the diagnostic odyssey, or help making educational dreams come true, we support families across the nation.

Our agenda continues to evolve and in addition to funding a variety of programs, the family support pipeline assists with obtaining access to humanitarian programs for approved treatments and establishes global connections for referral.

In 2019, we invested more than \$150,000 to improve the lives of 180 families through multiple direct family support initiatives.

# **2019 HIGHLIGHTS**

# Family Assistance Program

- Approved nine applications, totaling \$19,848.
- Provided funds for hearing aids, specialized eyewear, seating equipment, vehicle lift, and hot tub.

# Medical Travel Assistance Program

Approved a record 33 applications, totaling \$17,141.

# Journey Assistance Program

- Approved 8 applications, totaling \$1,856.
- Funds awarded assisted families with home renovations, computers, iPads, and car seats.

# Bereavement Expense Program

- Responded to an unmet need by expanding financial assistance to provide resources for families experiencing the loss of a loved one with MPS or MI.
- Approved 23 applications, totaling \$11,448.

# Extraordinary Experiences Program

- Approved three applications, totaling \$2,270.
- Events funded include two school trips and specialized driving lessons.

# Conference Scholarships

 Awarded 73 scholarships totaling \$58,515 to the Annual Family Conference, CYCLE Conference, and SPIRIT Conference.

# Continuing Education Scholarship Program

- Awarded 22 scholarships, totaling \$21,500.
- Awarded three Jeffrey Bardsley Scholarships totaling \$15,000 (\$5,000 each to individuals with MPS).

# Social Gatherings

Provided funding to support events in Sellersville,
 PA; Hilliard, OH; and Los Angeles, CA, totaling
 \$2,025.





The National MPS Society provided a scholarship so that I was able to attend the National Student Leadership Conference where I participated in the Environmental Science and Sustainability Program.

Today, many opportunities are available to me, regardless of my MPS, and others with physical disabilities. My diagnosis has taught me I am special in my own way, and I am grateful for this. Having MPS has helped me to better understand others with rare diseases. It gave me great character and strength. Thank you to the Society for growing as an organization that is forward-thinking and provides educational scholarships.

James Whiteman (MPS VI)



# **Leveraging Advocacy and Public Policy**

**Advocacy** is a marathon, not a sprint. We are steadily building the substance of our advocacy efforts, while simultaneously being prepared to deploy immediate action to effect change as circumstances shift throughout the legislative landscape. Policy makers, funders, and the public need to understand what is essential for our families, and why. It is crucial that we continually motivate our allies and supporters so that rare disease issues remain relevant. Advocacy is one of the best ways for our rare disease community to share its stories with those who are empowered to make a real difference on a federal level. Federal policies can increase life-saving medical research and access to care for MPS and ML patients.

The Advocacy Committee focuses on a number of initiatives, including regular calls to action on rare disease legislation, disseminating carefully crafted appropriations language to spread our message, collaborating with the rare disease community as a whole, conducting advocacy training webinars, and growing and fostering relationships with key decision makers.





I came to the United States from Guatemala at age 7 to participate in a clinical trial for MPS VI. After almost 16 years of living legally in this country, I met an unexpected challenge when the administration abruptly ended the deferred action program that enables patients to receive critical care and unique treatments.

Faced with losing life-saving medical treatment, I decided to advocate for patients across the country in a congressional hearing. The policy has been temporarily reversed, and I will continue to work with representatives for a permanent solution. I am grateful for the outpouring of love and support from people who fight with me. This experience taught me that every voice matters and that you can make a difference by speaking up.

Isabel Bueso (MPS VI)

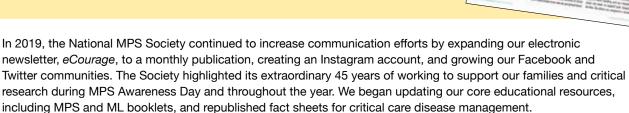
- Participated in two trips to Washington, DC, for Rare Disease Day and MPS Awareness Day.
- Facilitated a two-day Capitol Hill visit with 44 advocates meeting with 59 legislators to advocate for newborn screening, Medicare prescription drug price negotiation, and increased NIH funding for MPS and ML diseases through the appropriations bill, as well as recruit rare disease caucus members.
- Created awareness action alerts to support the following legislation:
  - H.R.2507 Newborn Screening Saves Lives Act
  - H.R.242 and S.377 Medicare Prescription Drug Price Negotiation Act of 2019; Orphan Drug Resolution
  - H.R.161 and S.90 A Resolution to mark the last day of February as "Rare Disease Day"
- Provided onsite training in Washington, DC, for our Speaker's Bureau Program.

- Supported Society member Isabel Bueso whose advocacy efforts gained national media attention, including interviews on MSNBC and features in People and Elle magazines.
- O Hosted two, one-hour advocacy training webinars (Preparation for Meeting with Your Legislator and How to Tell Your Personal Story) which can be accessed on our website for continuous training.
- Attended the following advocacy and networking conferences: 15th Annual WORLDSymposium; COPA; NORD; EveryLife Congress on newborn screening; Global Genes 2019 RARE Patient Advocacy Summit; NORD Patient Summit; NCATS Patient Advocacy Meeting; Taiwan Newborn Screening Meeting for MPS II; University of Minnesota Newborn Screening Updates for MPS I.
- Submitted position statements on increased newborn screening awareness in collaboration with the EveryLife Foundation.

# EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY COMMITTEE

The National MPS Society connects and engages with the MPS and ML community through a variety of communication platforms. We continuously evaluate and expand communications vehicles to ensure efficient message delivery to our members. Through social media, educational materials, printed publications, email, and promotional materials, the **Education and Publicity Committee** actively seeks new and innovative ways to involve our members and increase public awareness.

# **Effective and Progressive** Communication





Our role as the Education & Publicity Committee is to ensure that MPS and ML messages are clearly written, creatively designed, and shared broadly via our website, social media, pamphlets, emails, videos, etc. We make certain our community is informed and stays



Publicity Committee

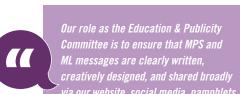




The National MPS Society - supporting families

and researching for cure

- Increased efforts to raise awareness for International MPS Awareness Day, May 15.
- Increased e-Courage subscriptions to more than 2,200 members.
- Secured a four-page article in SciTech Europa Quarterly, highlighting 45 years of the National MPS
- Participated in the podcast *Mendelspod*, to discuss MPS and educate listeners nationwide.
- Began updating MPS booklets, a primary resource for our members and their networks.
- Completed a comprehensive revision of the fact sheet library for the MPS and ML community.
- Implemented a resource library for adults with MPS and ML, adding specific fact sheets for independent living and care management.
- Continued the second phase of website integration.
  - Created new strategies and restructured the committee, which comprises four sub-committees: Content Development, Design Development, MPS Awareness Day, and Strategic Planning.





# **ADULT RESOURCE COMMITTEE**

An increasing number of MPS and ML patients are living into adulthood due to the efforts of the National MPS Society, physicians, families, and support systems. Increase in the MPS and ML adult population created a need to discuss unique issues that these adults experience and share. To have a voice within the Society, as well as become actively involved within the MPS adult community, a group of individuals created the **Adult Resource Committee** (ARC).

# **Bolstering a Bright Future**



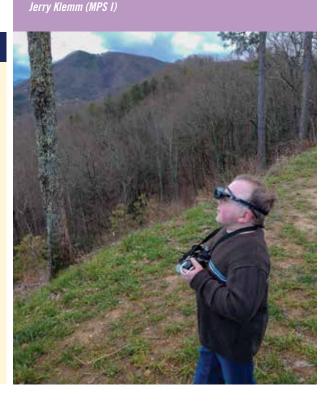
ARC provides an extension of our strength and individuality. As a patient and research scientist, I was honored to present last year at our family conference on "The Importance of Patient Involvement in the Drug Development Process." Science will render the answers we need for MPS and ML; while this transpires, I am thankful for the contributions ARC members can bring to our community.

Jennifer Klein (ML III), scientist, ARC member

The ARC, although a recent endeavor, quickly established a solid groundwork for increased advocacy and programs for adults in the Society. In 2020, ARC members will have an opportunity to raise awareness, participate in social support sessions, and plan their SPIRIT Conference. This is a tremendous opportunity to take on a greater role in individual care management and mentoring those who will come after.

I have been living with MPS I for 26 years. One of the many ways this disease affects my body is by limiting my vision. Thanks to the National MPS Society's Family Support Program, I recently was able to obtain a new vision device called eSight. This device has allowed me to see things at a distance. I am hopeful that eSight will help me to become more independent and experience the world in a new way.

- Released the official "Road Kit" for adults with MPS and ML. This kit provides information and resources for those who are transitioning into adulthood and beyond.
- Orlando, FL, for more than 45 adults with MPS and ML. Presentations, networking, and social activities provided targeted information regarding care, jobs, and well being. The SPIRIT Conference also offered opportunities for networking with other adults and health professionals, strengthening the patient community.
- Created Project RARE, a fundraising and awareness-cultivating project where merchandise featuring designs created by MPS and ML adults will be sold online. Items will be sold on Café Press. Funds will support ARC initiatives.



# **Expanding Avenues of Support**

MPS families rely on the Society's support, starting with diagnosis. Our long-term vision includes identifying new ways to provide services to families and individuals throughout their journey with MPS or ML. The **Pathways** program executes this forward-thinking approach by deploying skilled social workers who travel the country to meet with newly diagnosed families during this critical time. Home visits maximize the opportunity to provide meaningful, compassionate, and direct assistance.

Pathways provides tools for families and individuals throughout the first year of diagnosis that equip and strengthen them as they move forward. Linking families with local and national services ensures they receive high-quality care and have access to essential resources. The Pathways program has enrolled more than 120 families since its inception three years ago.







Charlie Grace was diagnosed with MPS I through newborn screening. We connected with the National MPS Society immediately and enrolled in the Pathways program. When Charlie Grace was one month old, we had an in-home visit and received support in so many ways for the entire first year after diagnosis. The most important thing I have learned is to accept MPS. This is who Charlie Grace is and she is perfect. The Society is hands down amazing.

Amanda Sinard, mother of Charlie Grace (MPS I)





During the first few months after Aaron's diagnosis, our family was lost. We didn't know who to turn to or where to seek resources and information. We found the National MPS Society through a Google search. They opened their arms to our family, answered questions, and provided us with materials, research, support, and links to pharmaceutical representatives to educate us on enzyme replacement therapy. I attended a gala and met families from across the country. They immediately embraced me and

made me feel like the Society was a true family. They assisted us in completing and submitting a scholarship application, and flew Aaron and me to Florida for our very first family conference. My son felt so special and continues to talk about Camp Courage. The administrators, staff, and families made him feel welcome and also provided me with additional information about his disease. I am proud to now serve on the Family Support Committee. It is an honor for our family to be involved.

Ginger Beverly, mother of Aaron (MPS IVA)

- Provided services to 66 families in their first year of diagnosis.
- Conducted more than 58 face-to-face visits with families in their homes or at the hospital in 21 states
- Averaged three to four newly diagnosed family referrals to the program each month.
- Provided services to 13 families through newborn screening. Newborn screening has enhanced the program to reach families sooner.
- Arranged newly diagnosed meetings at the annual family conference.
- Distributed disease-specific information and resources to assist with accessing therapies and clinical trial information.
- Strengthened relationships with industry partners to provide comprehensive support to newly diagnosed families.
- Implemented interpreter services to assist Spanish-speaking families.

# Families in the Past Searched for Hope; Families of the Future Will Have a Cure

**RESEARCH** remains paramount to the National MPS Society's mission—to find cures for all MPS and ML diseases. Grant funding, research partners, and collaboration ensure key efforts toward a better future for all affected.

In 2019, the National MPS Society's research program awarded a historic high level of funding for life-saving and life-changing research.

The Society allocated and invested more than \$760,000 in total grant funding in 2019, which includes second-year funding for grants awarded in 2017; and \$50,000 in partnership with the University of Pennsylvania through the Million Dollar Bike Ride. The Society also committed \$25,000 to the University of Minnesota Lysosomal Disease Network for continued core imaging research with the National Institutes of Health; and \$30,000 was provided to Iowa State University for "Maintaining the Canine MPS Model Research Resource."

The Society awarded an additional \$200,000 for other MPS II research with funding received from the Christa Armstrong legacy gift. The funding the Society provides has been and continues to be critical as we move forward with our mission to find cures.

We received 34 letters of intent from researchers around the world this past year. After reviewing the letters, our Scientific Advisory Board review committee requested full grant proposals from 15 researchers. Projects selected focused on research for syndromes in desperate need of funding.

I am truly grateful to the National MPS Society for its continued support. They have been a tremendous partner in our pursuit of treatments for lysosomal diseases. The funds I have received have enabled me to investigate novel questions, pursue unique therapies, and have provided the seeds for additional funding. The Society's unwavering support has not only financially fueled our research, but also driven our team's passion to find solutions for patients and families. Thank you for being our partner in this fight. We couldn't do the work without you.

Dr. Heather Steet, Greenwood Genetic Center





The funding and encouragement the National MPS Society provides to researchers, especially those in the early stages of their career, have been vital to the development of a new generation of clinical and basic scientists. I am grateful to have received this support in my own career, and honored now to help the Society grow and enrich its research efforts as we drive toward discovering new therapies.

Dr. Richard Steet, Greenwood Genetic Center



# RESEARCH GRANTS

This innovative research could not be accomplished without the selfless commitment of our global MPS scientists, who continue to seek answers for our children. Our commitment and dedication to advancing our mission through these partnerships is highlighted in these impressive, carefully chosen, pivotal research projects:

2019 Two-Year Grant Award Recipients

# \$90,000 general grant Dr. Ivan Conte

TIGEM

Pozzuoli, Italy

"Pharmacological pulsatile induction of autophagy as a novel therapeutic strategy for MPS VII"

# \$90,000 general grant/ MPS II grant

# Dr. Enrico Moro

University of Padova Padova, Italy

"Characterization of axon guidance defects in experimental in vitro and in vivo MPS II models"

# \$90,000 general grant/ MPS III grant

# Dr. Nicollina Sorrentina

**TIGEM** 

Pozzuoli, Italy

"Combining autophagy modulation and AAV-mediated gene delivery of lysosomal enzymes for a synergic treatment of CNS and somatic pathology in mucopolysaccharidoses"

# \$50,000 MPS IIIC grant

### **Dr. Liliana Matos**

Ricardo Jorge INSA Porto, Portugal "Exploring in vivo U1 snRNA splicing modulation as an alternative therapy for MPS IIIC"

# \$50,000 MPS IV grant

# Dr. Maria Luz Couce

Santiago, IDIS

Santiago de Compostela, Spain "Development of new lysosomal drug delivery system of elosulfase A for ERT of Morquio A"

2019 One-Year Grant Award Recipients

# \$50,000 MPS general grant

Million Dollar Bike Ride University of Pennsylvania Philadelphia, PA

### \$25,000 multi-syndrome grant

Lysosomal Disease Network University of Minnesota Neuroimaging Core NIH Project

# \$15,000 ML II/III alpha beta grant

ISMRD – partnership grant United States 2019 MPS II Collaborative Research Award Recipients

# \$100,000 MPS II grant (one year)

# Dr. Patricia Dickson

Washington University

St. Louis, MO

"Classification of IDS gene variants using saturation genome editing"

# \$100,000 MPS II grant

(two year)

### **Dr. Richard Steet**

Greenwood Genetic Center Greenwood, SC

"Functional characterization of novel IDS variants in cells and zebrafish"

# 2017 Second-Year Grant Award Funding

# \$45,000 general grant

Dr. Sharon Byers

SA Pathology (WHC site)
Adelaide, Australia
"Can the cell cycle be reset to

normal in the MPS growth plate chondrocytes?"

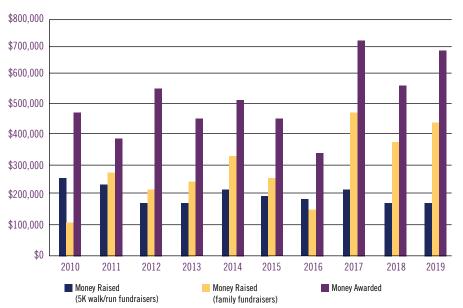
# \$25,000 MPS III grant Prof. Elvira De Leonibus

TIGEM

Pozzuoli, Italy

"Disease mechanisms leading to dopaminergic dysfunction underlaying behavioral symptoms in MPS IIIA"

# MONEY RAISED AND AWARDED FOR RESEARCH



# **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE**

A nonprofit organization is only as strong as the level of support it receives from its members and benefactors. Our donors trust that the Society will employ their ever-increasing generosity to maximize impact on our mission. The **Fundraising Committee** facilitates this through many programs, such as family fundraisers, run/walk events, Annual Fund, major gifts, planned giving, mobile giving, Courage Pages, our Champions Circle, crowd-rising fundraisers, social media campaigns, the Combined Federal Campaign, United Way, employee giving, and matching corporate gifts and grants. The Fundraising Committee strives to increase donations each year and build creative opportunities in 2020.

# **Turning Trust into Meaningful Purpose**



Fundraising highlights of 2019 include Society hosted national events in Napa, CA; Orlando, FL; Raleigh, NC; and Washington, DC. We also teamed up for the sixth year in a row with the University of Pennsylvania for the Million Dollar Bike Ride to raise funds for MPS research. The Dare to Be Different Gala raised more than \$250,000, and more than 650 people attended the Rise Up for MPS Concert, held in memory of Jenna Richbourg.

# **2019 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Maintained the Society's ninth 4-star charity rating from Charity Navigator, representing sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency. This "exceptional" designation differentiates the Society from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their
- Supported an active membership roster of more than 2,200 members.
- Raised more than \$600,000 through run/walk and fundraising events.
- Secured more than \$60,000 for MPS and ML research from the University of Pennsylvania through the Million Dollar Bike Ride.
- Hosted four national run/walk events in Babylon,NY; Napa, CA; Orlando, FL; and Raleigh, NC.
- Supported more than 70 family and Facebook fundraisers, including sports tournaments, cycling, bake sales, bowl-a-thons, concerts, bingo, auctions, and school relays.
- Increased grant writing efforts to secure physician and cognitive masterclasses, our newest program to educate physicians about MPS.
- Raised \$245,139 through the 2019 Annual Fund campaign, chaired by Jason Madison (MPS II).
- Continued efforts to meet with major donors and Society friends.

- Received Combined Federal Campaign application approval.
- Hosted 60 Courage Pages (customized, informative family web pages for awareness and fundraising) on the Society's website.
- Worked with donors to process more than 150
   Employee Giving Campaign and corporate matching gifts.
- O Increased awareness for the Rising Sun Legacy Circle and processed new planned gifts from trusts and wills.
- Fortified the Jenna Marie Richbourg Endowment with funds raised through the second Rise Up for MPS in Waco, TX.

We always knew my nephew was special. When he was diagnosed with MPS IVA I wanted to help in any way possible. I knew I couldn't cure MPS, but I could raise money and awareness for this rare genetic disease. Our family hosted an art auction, and all of the funds we raised went to research to

try to find a cure.
This was my first
fundraiser for MPS
but it certainly
won't be my last.
Chance Blakeley,
uncle to Keller
Blakeley (MPS IVA)



# FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

# 2019 Fundraising Events

36th District Masonic School PA Fundraising Event, hosted by David Coffman

Art Auction for Keller Blakeley, in honor of Keller Blakeley, hosted by Lori Tolson

Concert for a Cure, in memory of Ryan Mask, hosted by Dorothy Mask

Cooper Trooper's BBQ, in honor of Cooper Tippet, hosted by Brian and Christine Tippett

Crop for Rachel, in memory of Rachel Dodson, hosted by Michelle Dodson

Do It Fore Dan, in memory of Danny Miller, hosted by Ray and Amy Miller

Emily's Dance, in honor of Emily O'Connor, hosted by Kevin and Danielle O'Connor

Halk Fall Festival, in memory of Blake Halk, hosted by Carla Halk Crain

Holland's Hope Fundraiser, in honor of Maddie and Laynie Holland and in memory of Spencer Holland, hosted by Steve and Amy Holland Hopkins cabi Party, in honor of Michelle Hopkins, hosted by Lynn Hopkins

Jammin' for Julia, in honor of Julia Donahue, hosted by Andrea Felton

Kendra Gottsleben Birthday Fundraiser, in honor of Kendra Gottsleben, hosted by Project Organic Life

Kendra Scott Fundraiser, in honor of Michelle Hopkins, hosted by Lynn Hopkins

Kramer Chili Cookoff, in honor of Marcus Kramer, hosted by Beth Kramer

Mackenzie Wynegar Fundraiser, in honor of Mackenzie Wynegar, hosted by Ann Wynegar

Mark's Memoral Drag Race for MPS II, hosted by AMS Performance and Chicago Motor Cars

Noah and Caleb Woodcock Fundraiser, in honor of Noah and Caleb Woodcock, hosted by Cowboy Liquors Pick Your Charity Golf Tournament, hosted by Mark Janzen

Rise Up for MPS, in memory of Jenna Richbourg, hosted by Keith and Sherri Richbourg

Stevens Family Fundraiser, in honor of Mekeel Stevens, hosted by Marla and Randy Stevens

Toss for Tony, in memory of Antonio "Tony" Estrada-Willmann, hosted by Katie Willmann

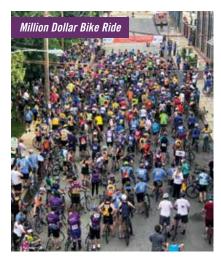
# 2019 Run/Walk Events

Jingle Bell 5K, hosted by National MPS Society

Napa National Run, hosted by National MPS Society

Post Office Café 5K, hosted by Joan and Mark Lessing

Raleigh Run for Rare, hosted by Terri Klein and Michael Schleter



Members of the MPS Champions Circle generously support the Society by making a monthly recurring donation.

# 2019 Champions Circle

Amy Barkley
Melany Bjorkman
Marc and Beth Brdar
Maria De Granillo
Justin Dickerson
Cindi Dunsworth
Elizabeth and Joshua Eickman
Allison Frazier
Michele Geigle
Brendan Graham
Heinz and Karine Holba

Steve and Amy Holland Jennifer Hutcheson Kiran Joshi Brian and Rebekah Klutz Lori Lazarescu Lauren Louison Donny and Molly Merrill Greg and Jennifer Mincks Eric and Amber Mongan Susan Murphy Kathy and Josh Nay Thomas and Peggy O'Malley Julie Patricia Mark and Maryellen Pendleton Linda Perrella Jared Shelton Jeremy and Rena Stearns Jack Swepston Lorie Tolson Sarah and Todd Waddell

# Courage Pages

The following families have their own website through Courage Pages at mpssociety.org. Whether hosting an event or raising awareness for MPS or ML, these custom pages are an effective way to reach donors and help enhance fundraising efforts with no expense. These inspirational sites can be found under the "Give" section of the Society's website.

Evan Abel
Ashley Allen
Aaron Athy
Hunter Beam
Ryder Belisle
Colin Berning
Keller Blakeley
Jacob Bohley
Annabelle Bozarth
Tyson Brown
Sam Caswell
Alan Charest

Alex and Nick Cherrstrom
Julia Ann Donahue
Jackson Dunn-Kraus
Kali Gegenheimer
Shane Gibson
Owen Groesch
Karina Guajardo
Mackenzie and Isabella
Hardesty
Faith Heard
Jaela Hernandez
Holland family

Michelle Hopkins Analynn Hughes Fiona Humphrey Kathleen Joyce Carter Kanney Beth Karas Eddie Kimminau Allison Kirch Jennifer Klein Kraig Klenke Drake Lucas Shane McGoey Caleb Michalik
Danny Miller
Maura Mongan
Xavier Patton
Analee Perez
Raymond Pinchak
Myles Richardson
Hudson Roman
Christopher Sanchez
Elijah Story
Katie Swanson
Madison Thompson

Cooper Tippett
Jack Todd
Easton Walker
Trinity Walker
Michael Whitaker Russell
Scotty Whitecotton
Antonio Estrada
Willmann
Carter Worthen
Christian Yard
Emily Yurkins
Roy Zeighami

# FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

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# **Financial Position**

Assets		Liabilities	
		Accounts payable	\$ 142,469
Current Assets		Grants payable	140,000
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 453,363	Accrued salaries/vacation	24,331
Investments	3,261,129	Total Liabilities	306,800
Contributions receivable	22,212		
Prepaid expenses	9,242	Net Assets	
Accrued interest	7,612	Without donor restriction	
		Undesignated	1,392,003
Property and Equipment, Net	6,501	Designated	474,850
		With donor restrictions	
Other Assets		Purpose restricted	1,743,080
Deposits	17,582	Time restricted	22,160
Investments—restricted for purpose	161,252	Perpetual in nature	1,138,568
Investments—restriced in perpetuity	1,138,568	Total Net Assets	4,770,661
Total Assets	\$ 5,077,461	Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 5,077,461

# 2019 Statement of Activities

Revenue and Support		Functional Expenses	
Contributions		Research grants \$	381,487
General	\$ 190,312	Direct family assistance and bereavement	96,124
Research	1,058,492	Advocacy and Speaker's Bureau	35,692
Family support	4,288	Conferences, meetings, and travel	496,615
Sponsored revenue	377,500	Sponsored expenses	204,332
Endowment	13,878	Education-newsletters, booklets, web	104,577
Membership dues	2,300	Membership database and directory	10,032
Conference revenue	278,415	Direct fundraising	174,312
Special events	846,364	Personnel	517,123
Interest and dividends	121,352	Office and equipment	52,216
Investment income, net of fees	277,830	Other administrative	62,928
Total Revenue and Support	\$ 3,170,731	Total Functional Expenses \$	2,135,438
		Change in Net Assets \$	1,035,293

# 2019 Revenue and Support

# Contributions—general Contributions—research Contributions—family support Contributions—sponsored revenue Contributions—endowment Membership dues Conference revenue Special events Interest and dividends Investment income, net of fees

# 2019 Functional Expenses



2019 was the ninth year for the National MPS Society's **Planned Giving Program**. There are now 29 donors in the Rising Sun Legacy Circle. Planned giving helps donors maximize the personal benefits of charitable giving and allows donors to make gifts they may not have thought possible. Individuals who make these gifts to the National MPS Society, whether through their estates, wills, or other life-income arrangements, share a strong common bond of generosity that will provide security for future generations. Building this community of philanthropy helps our donors achieve their personal vision and fulfills their desire to contribute.

# Planned Giving—Rising Sun Legacy Circle

Unexpected Benefits from a Decade-Long Program

# **2019 HIGHLIGHTS**

- Received a \$1 million estate gift.
- Established a new MPS II Research Collaborative Network.
- Included planned giving articles in e-Courage.
- Continued stewardship with donors.
- Informed of two new planned gifts to be received by the Society in 2020.
- Maintained a Planned Giving website to help members and friends of the Society become acquainted with planned giving and gifts the Society accepts.

# RISING SUN LEGACY CIRCLE

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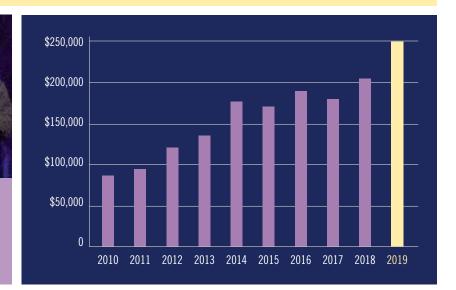
# **Annual Fund Donations**



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This important contribution is an example of how giving can provide key assets for the Adult Resource Committee.

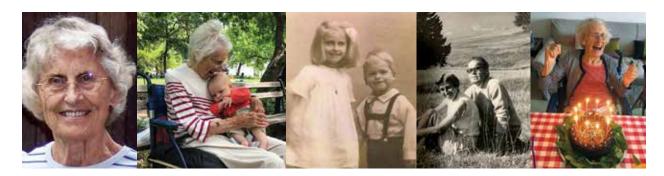
Jason Madison (MPS II), chair, 2019 Annual Fund



# Christa Armstrong—Journalist, Photographer, and Author—Gifts the Society for MPS II Research

This past fall, the National MPS Society lost a long-time friend, Christa Armstrong, who passed away at age 101. Christa became a member of the Society in the early 2000s and stayed in constant contact ever since. Her brother, Ulrich von Tippelskirch, had MPS II and passed away in 1964.

In 2011, Christa became one of the first members of the Rising Sun Legacy Circle. These individuals have pledged a legacy, or planned gift, with the Society—one of the highest and most meaningful contributions an organization can receive. After Christa's passing last year, the Society was notified of her legacy gift: **an astonishing \$1 million**.



Christa's memoir, "Heiligengrabe or Speaking in the Third Person," describes her life during World War II in Berlin where several of her friends belonged to a group plotting to assassinate Hitler. She courageously supported imprisoned members of the resistance and protected a Jewish friend, whom she hid in her apartment. Christa escaped shortly before the Russians took Berlin. In 1948, she immigrated to the United States and married Hamilton Fish Armstrong, founding editor of Foreign Affairs. Together they traveled the world's conflict zones of the 1950s and 60s, and her articles and photos were published in several countries. After her husband's passing, Christa traveled to South Africa and across Europe researching the history of her family, who followed a religious guru in the early 1800s to Cape Town, South Africa. Her findings were the basis for her second book, "God's Errant Children."

We had the privilege of meeting Christa and her family in person, and over the years the Society enjoyed sending her *Courage* publications and keeping her informed on MPS research, especially the approval in 2006 of Elaprase, the enzyme replacement therapy developed to treat MPS II.

MPS II research was a focus for Christa and her family, and through this incredibly generous legacy gift, the Society will be able to continue to fund critical research pathways.

"I'm so glad that Christa's bequest will help future scientific research into MPS II," said Christa's nephew, Christian von Tippelskirch. "Christa had high standards, self-discipline, and felt responsibility for others. She was the most wonderful and reliable friend who cherished giving to others."

At the 33rd Annual Family Conference, the Society presented Christian, along with Christa's niece, Dorothea von Tippelskirch-Eissing, the esteemed Visionary Award.

"Christa observed our family experience Hunter syndrome for decades," said Christian. "You can imagine how much it means to us that her vision has been fulfilled by her contribution to establish the first MPS Syndrome Collaboration Network for MPS II Research, and to be a part of supporting new global research into the illness."



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In 2019, the National MPS Society was able to provide support to families and funding for research because of the generosity of the following individuals, families, foundations, companies, groups, and fundraising events. The board of directors and the Fundraising Committee thank you for your dedication.

The Society makes every effort to recognize our supporters through eCourage and this Annual Report. The following list represents all donations received in calendar year 2019. If your name is not listed, we apologize and ask that you contact us. If we received your donation in 2020, you will be recognized in the next Annual Report.

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MPS III

MPS III A Sanfilippo A

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6-sulfatase

MPS IV

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