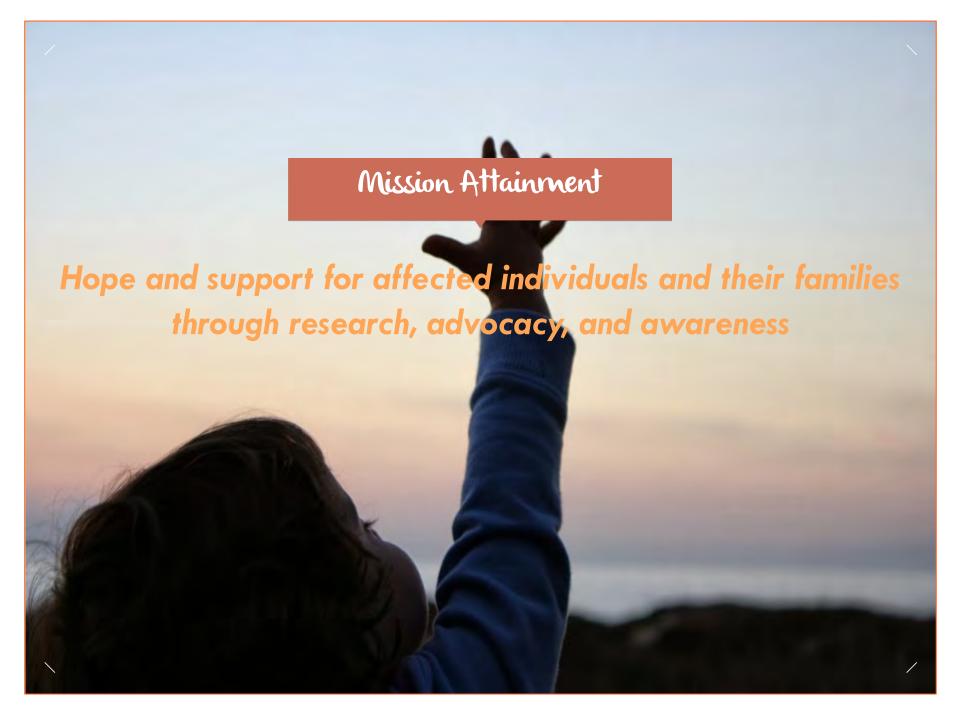


Social Media Advocacy National MPS Society

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Training objectives

- * Share information about the efficacy of social media as an advocacy tool
- * Provide examples of social media advocacy
- Describe how to get started and how to increase your effectiveness
- * Provide recommendations about best practices and guidelines
- * Distribute template messages

10 years of big changes

first for the kids...then the adults...



The next big thing

Bitly? Hashtag? Twitterverse? What?



@jack Jack Dorsey

just setting up my twttr

21 Mar 06 via web Tavorite Retweet Reply





Retweeted by anyulled and 100+ others



























Survey says...

How often are you active on FB? How frequently do you tweet?

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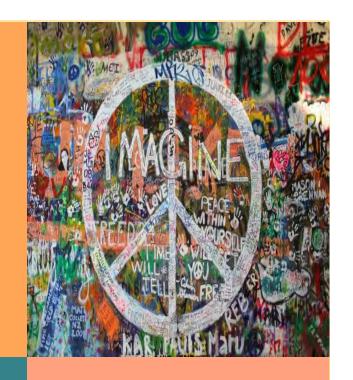
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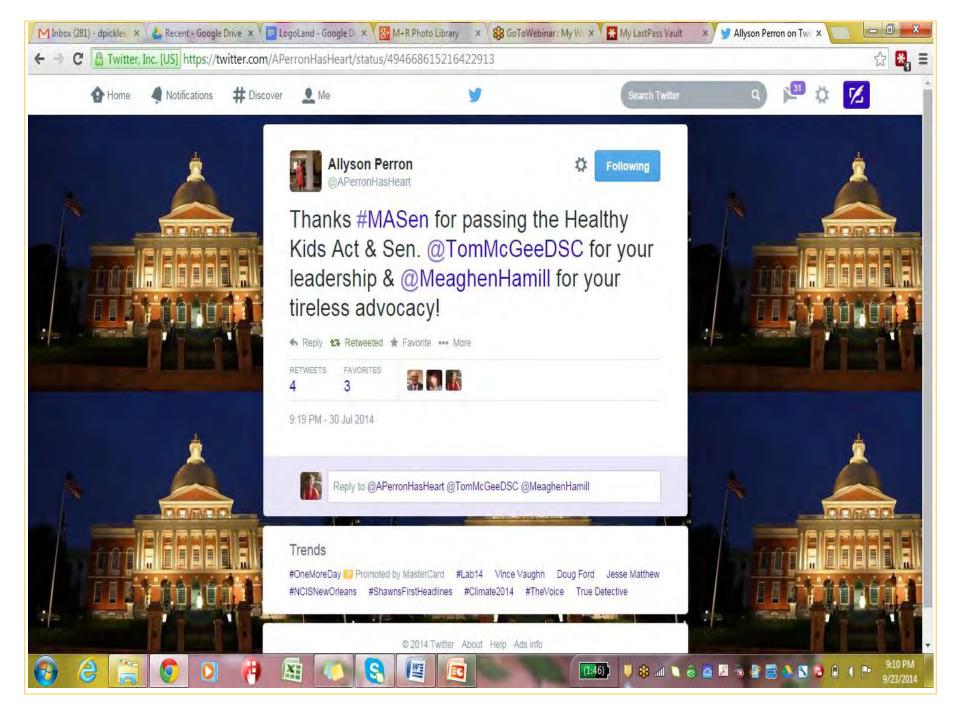
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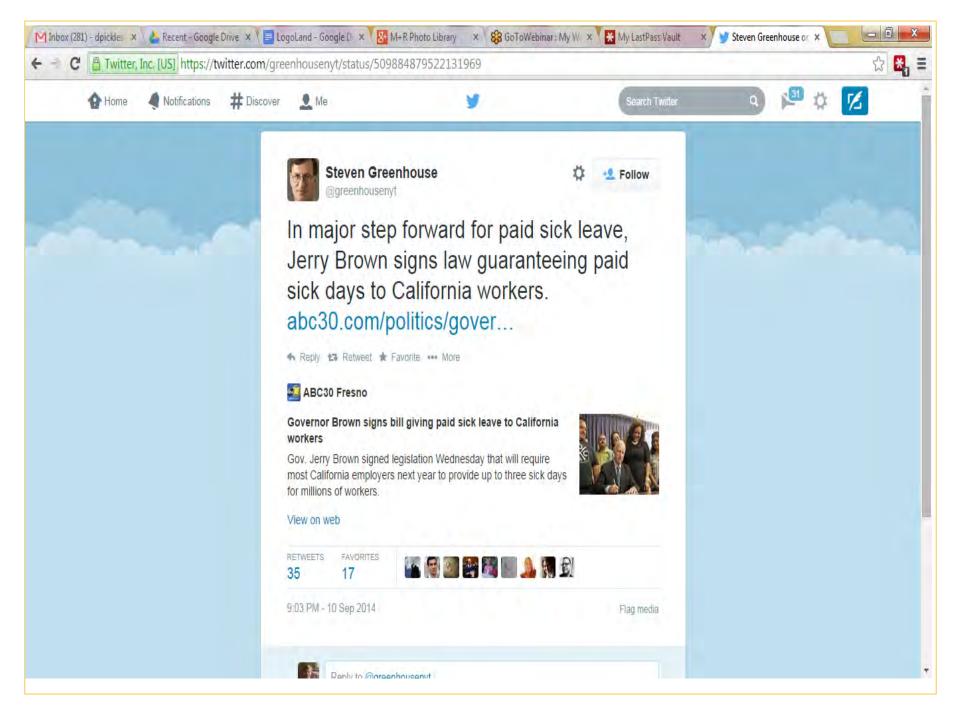
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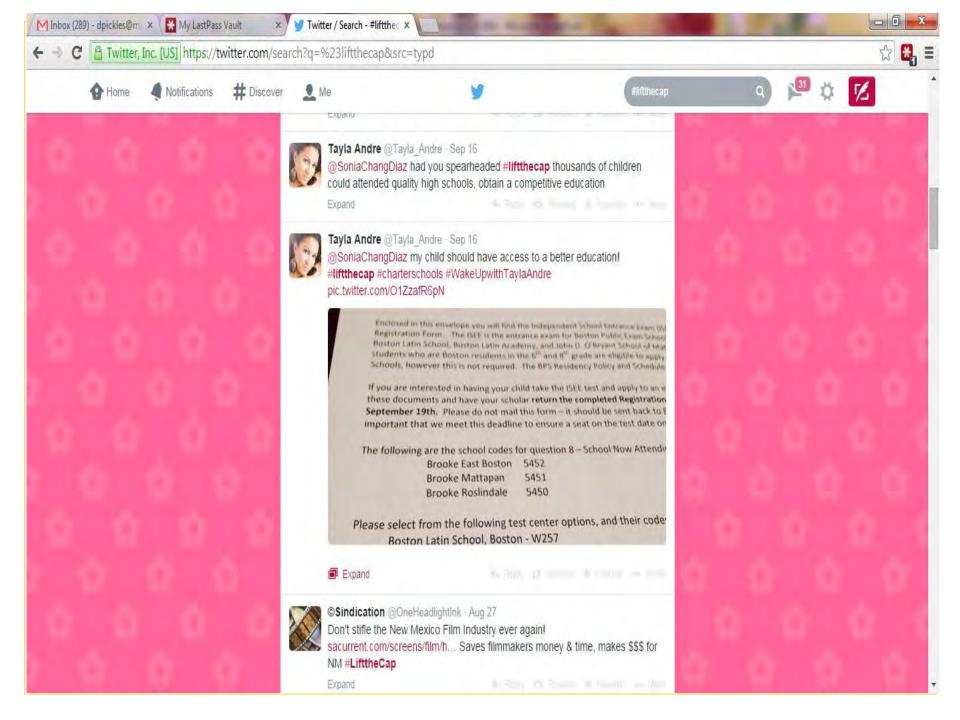
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WHY to use social media for advocacy is more important than HOW to do it.

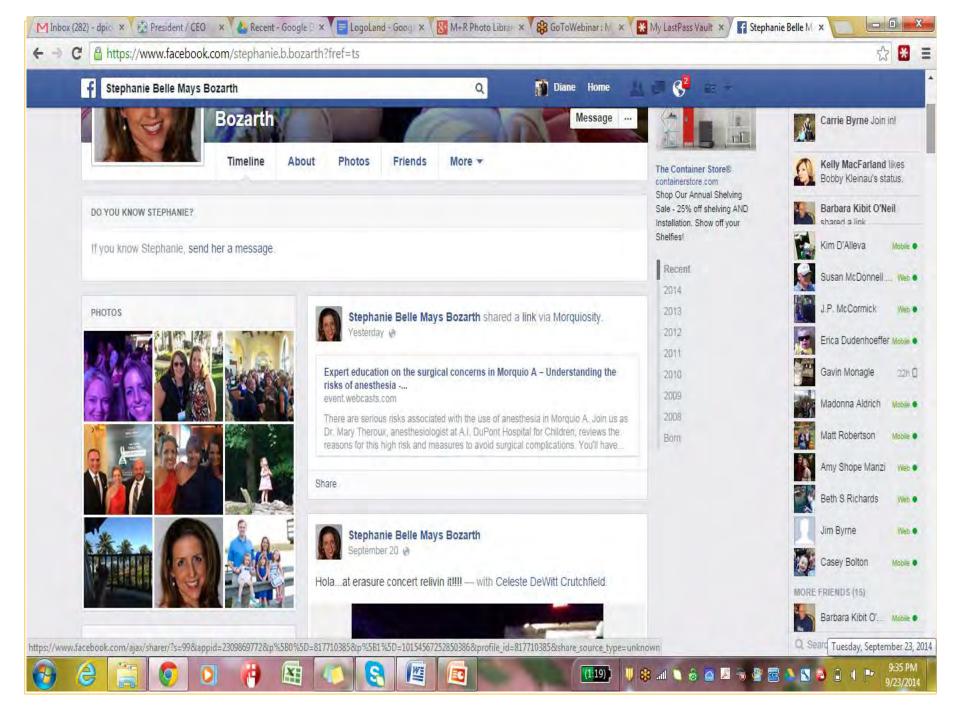


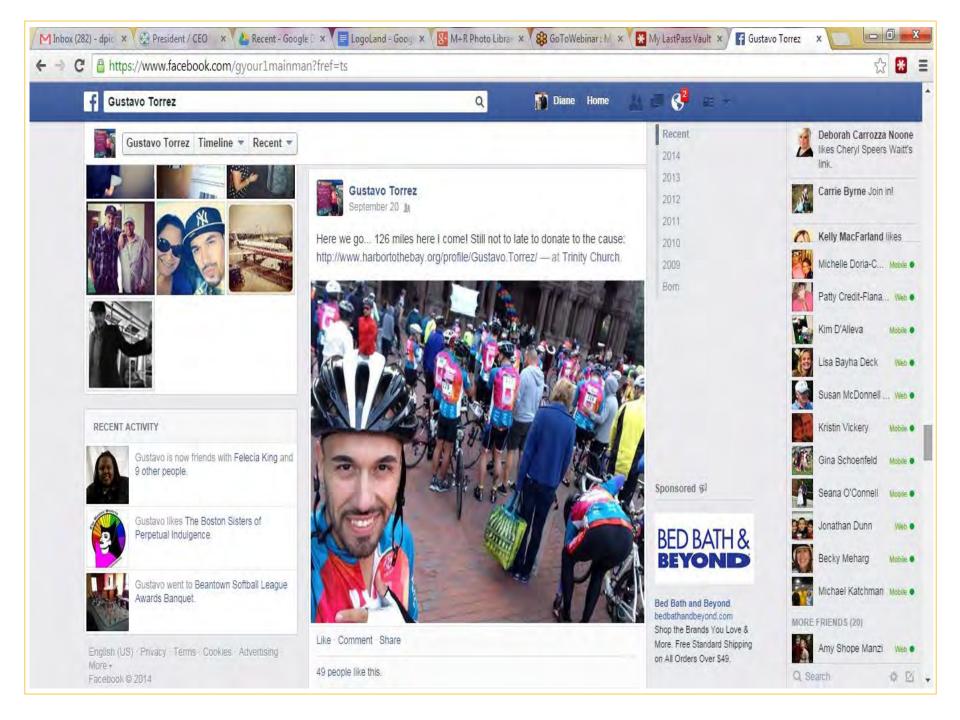


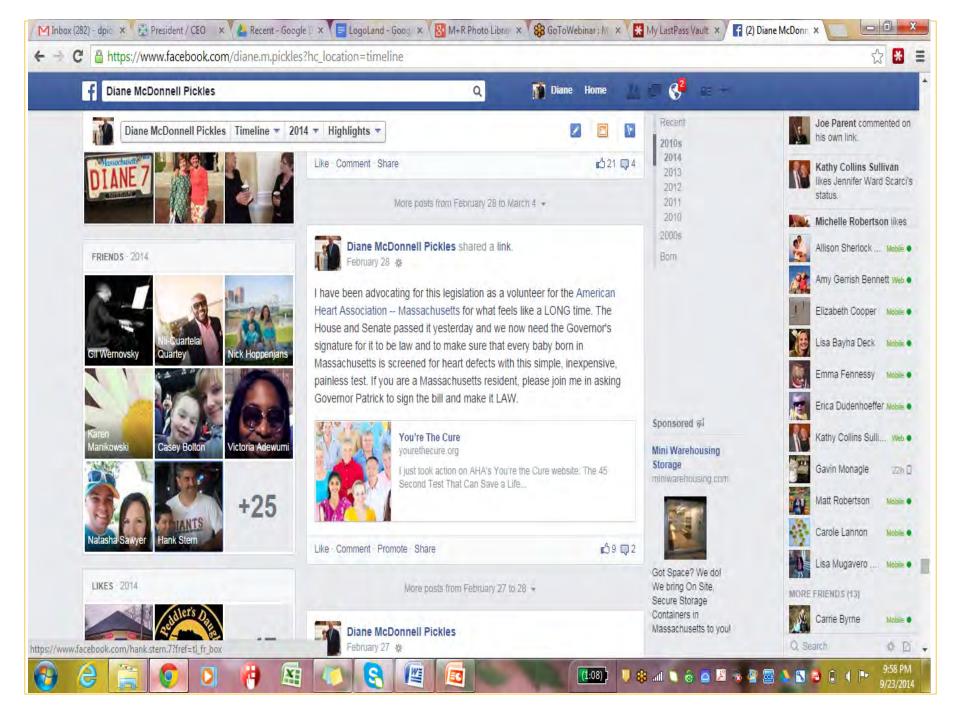














Getting started

- * Get comfortable
- * Follow your lawmakers and relevant health and news reporters/outlets and bloggers
- Follow relevant health organizations (i.e. NORD)
- * Follow one another
- * Follow news, read blogs, and pay attention to what decision makers and organizations are saying

Getting stronger

- * Actively and intentionally grow your network (who you follow and who follows you)
- Leverage content from others – share and retweet
- * Be conversational
- Be a good friend to other advocates
- * Pay attention and participate actively
- * Treat social media as a powerful tool not a time waster!

Your power comes from persistence and the reach of your network



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- Use visuals
- •Be yourself

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Plug and play

Promote the Society's Rally

Please join me in rallying for MPS! With your help, the National MPS Society will be able to continue to fund life-saving research and support families like mine. Click here to rally!

Let's rally for MPS!
Your support
means the world to
me and my family.
https://rally.org/f/
hQfGaFXoCkL
#curemps

Raise money for MPS research

Welcome back your members of Congress

Welcome back to DC Senator [NAME]. MPS diseases don't take vacations or days off. As you get back to work in Congress, please fight for rare diseases like MPS. Families like mine need a cure. You can learn more about MPS here: http://mpssociety.org/

Welcome back to DC @[SENATOR'S HASTAG]. MPS diseases don't take vacations. My family needs your help! http://mpssociety.or g/#curemps

Build a relationship
Educate members of Congress

Ask your members of Congress to join the Rare Disease Caucus

Senator [NAME], my family lives in hope that one day a cure for MPS will be discovered. Will you help us by joining the Rare Disease Caucus?

http://rareadvocates.org/rarecaucus/

@[TWITTER HANDLE], my family lives in hope of a cure for MPS. Will you help by joining the Rare Disease Caucus? http://rareadvocates.org/rarecaucus/#curemps

Make an ask of lawmakers

Ask friends to invite their members of Congress to join the Rare Disease Caucus

As family and friends, you know the struggles that MPS has brought to my family. So often people ask, "How can I help?" Here's one super quick and easy way – urge your members of Congress to join the Rare Disease Caucus. Thank you! http://bit.ly/Rare-Caucus

@[TWITTER HANDLES], can you spare 2 minutes to help families like mine impacted by MPS? Click here http://bit.ly/Rare-Caucus #curemps

Urge friends and family to take action

Poll question

How will you engage?



Thank You