Friends of DSF,

We are grateful to those who have helped us advance our mission in 2014 through financial contributions, a service donation, as an event coordinator or a volunteer. Because of you, our total revenue in 2014 was more than $1 million. This revenue reveals the power that a passionate and motivated community can have in moving our mission forward.

We appreciate the support of our Scientific and Medical Advisory Boards members, as well as our talented Board of Directors who oversee DSF and help to chart its future.

Thanks to each of you for all you have done and all you continue to do to provide support and care for those who need it today, while helping us reach our goal of better treatments and a cure for Dravet syndrome.

Sincerely,

Mary Anne Meskis
Executive Director

Who We Are

Mission

The mission of Dravet Syndrome Foundation (DSF) is to aggressively raise research funds for Dravet syndrome and related epilepsies; to increase awareness of these catastrophic conditions; and to provide support to affected individuals and families.

How We Did It

In 2014, we:

- Awarded two new Research Grant awards, bringing our total awards to over $2M
- Introduced Postdoctoral Fellowships and awarded two fellowships
- Hosted our 1st Biennial Family & Professional Conference in collaboration with Lurie Children’s Hospital in Chicago
- Hosted our 5th annual Research Roundtable
- Initiated the North American Consensus Project. Led by Elaine Wirrell and generously funded by a grant from GW Pharmaceuticals, this project will establish a consensus of treatment and best practices for Dravet syndrome
- Established a Medical Advisory Board to serve alongside our Scientific Advisory Board
- Co-funded the development of a rabbit model of Dravet syndrome
- Sponsored the Epilepsy Genetics in the Era of Precision Medicine conference
- Became a participating organization in the Rare Epilepsy Network (REN) registry
- Awarded over $15,000 in Patient Assistance Grants
- Sponsored a Dravet family weekend at Camp Courageous for Kids
- Joined with other organizations to establish an International Dravet Awareness Day
- Welcomed our newest staff member, Jamie Cohen, as our accountant.

DSF STAFF

Mary Anne Meskis, Executive Director
Jamie Cohen, Accountant
**IMPACT**

**Patient Assistance**

DSF’s help will always be appreciated. Thanks to car modifications through their PAG program, we are on the go again!!! - Tessi L.

**Research Grants**

The postdoctoral fellowship that I received from DSF was critical for my continued training in preparation for an independent research career.

-Jacy Wagnon

**Steps Toward a Cure**

Coordinators host family-fun Super-hero-themed events in their communities to raise awareness of Dravet, while raising funds for DSF.

**DSF Conference**

Held every 2 years, our conference brings together patient families and professionals to learn about the latest research and approaches to care.

Find more information on our programs at www.dravetfoundation.org

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**INCOME & EXPENSES**

**2014 Income**

- Restricted Funds
- Unrestricted Funds
- Special Events - Butterfly Bash
- Special Events - Walks and Races
- Special Events - Other
- Program Funds - Conference

**2014 Expenses**

- Research Grants
- Programs
- Fundraising Expenses
- Staffing/Contractors
- Operations
- Advertising
- Event Expenses - Other
- Event Expenses - Butterfly Bash
- Event Expenses - Walks and Races
- Travel and Meetings
- Conference Expenses
A LOOK AHEAD

Despite our tremendous success this year, there is still much to be learned, and many obstacles to overcome. In 2015, we hope to continue to grow our research program and to fund an even greater number of innovative thinkers whose work could lead to better treatments or a cure for Dravet syndrome. We invite you to help us realize this goal.

If you are interested in making a financial donation, establishing a planned gift, organizing an event, donating an item or volunteering your time, please contact Mary Anne at maryanne.m@dravetfoundation.org.

THANK YOU

Without you, we wouldn’t be able to do what we do. You make our work possible through your financial donations and volunteer efforts.

View a full list of those who made a monetary donation of $250 or more. dravetfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/10/2014Donors.pdf

Sign up for our quarterly e-newsletter and emails so you are informed about the latest research, clinical trials, upcoming events, and other news that impacts our community. dravetfoundation.org/contact-us/email-signup

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