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MDF News Update



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Coming Soon - the MDF Patient Registry

MDF takes its role as an advocate for the myotonic dystrophy community very seriously; we are committed to increasing visibility and understanding of DM, improving the quality of life of people living with this disease, and doing our part to accelerate research progress toward treatments and a cure for DM. Our latest effort is the upcoming MDF Patient Registry. [Click here](#) to read more about this important new MDF initiative and how you can get involved.



Double The Impact of Your Gift to MDF This Season!

Great news: MDF has received an anonymous matching gift of \$150,000 for this season's fundraising drive! From now through the end of the year, donations to MDF, made online or by mail, will be matched dollar-for-dollar up to \$150,000.

This is the Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation's fundraising season; the time when we reach out to our community to help fund MDF's efforts to provide support and resources for families living with DM, and drive research efforts focused on finding treatments and a cure for DM. If you are thinking about making a donation, **now is the time**. Every dollar counts and this year, it counts twice!

To have your tax-deductible gift matched, simply make a donation between now and December 31, 2012. [Click here](#) to make a contribution online, or mail your gift to:

Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation
1259 El Camino Real, #150
Menlo Park, CA 94025

Thank you! Your support is needed more than ever, and will be doubly meaningful this fundraising season.

TeamMDF Volunteer Opportunities - Help Build the Physician Referral List!

Our **TeamMDF** volunteers are helping to create a community-driven list of physicians and medical professionals who have treated people living with DM and who are recommended by others in the MDF community.

We are actively seeking recommendations for this list, which will be available via the MDF website. Do you have a doctor, ophthalmologist, physical therapist or other medical professional you want your community members to know about? [Click here](#) to fill out the referral form and help build this list. You'll be doing your fellow DM community members a real service.



A Mother's Story - Elizabeth Florence

Elizabeth Florence lives in Dallas, Texas with her husband and two sons, Sam, 10 and Will, 13. Sam was born with congenital myotonic dystrophy. [Click here](#) to read the story of Sam's birth and the

family's journey with DM.



Save the Date!
2013 MDF Annual Conference - November 8-9, 2013 in Houston, TX

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