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MDF Dispatch



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MDF Advances DM Research with Fund-a-Fellow Grants

In early May, MDF announced a Request for Applications (RFA) for the 2014 MDF Fund-a-Fellow program. The Fund-a-Fellow program supports our commitment to Care and a Cure for myotonic dystrophy by attracting new investigators to the field of DM research, ultimately advancing DM science and the search for treatments. MDF recently caught up with our

second-year Fellows, Dr. Suzanne Rzuczek and Dr. Ayal Hendel. [Click here](#) to learn more.

Stanford University Announces the Creation of Myotonic Dystrophy Biobank

Stanford University has created a Myotonic Dystrophy Biobank to provide high-quality biological samples to researchers around the world. Because DM is rare, researchers often lack adequate biological samples to conduct their research, posing a critical barrier to advancing science and discoveries. "The DM Biobank will help collect a critical mass of samples to support DM research," says Dr. Katharine Hagerman, Neurology Research Associate for Dr. John Day at Stanford University. [Click here](#) to read more.



MDF Dysphagia Recipe Contest!

Are you a culinary expert when it comes to preparing food for people with dysphagia (difficulty swallowing)? MDF is looking for nutritious and tasty recipes to collect and share with others in the DM community. Enter your favorite recipes in our MDF Dysphagia Recipe Contest for a chance to win prizes and be included in our MDF Dysphagia Recipe Book! [Click here](#) to learn more about the contest and to enter your recipes.

Important events and announcements

[Upcoming Virtual Caregiver Support Groups](#)

[Ona McConnell, MDF Board Member, featured in "Ivy League Athletes"](#)

[Your support on YouTube helped Dr. Eric Wang's video become a winner!](#)
[Muscles for Myotonic 5K Family Fun Walk in Olathe, KS on May 31](#)
[2014 MDF Annual Conference Early Bird Registration closes June 1](#)

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