

Myotonic Dystrophy Foundation: Our Impact



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FOUNDATION

Care and a Cure

MDF Mission:

Our mission, “Care and a Cure,” is to enhance the quality of life of people living with myotonic dystrophy (DM) and advance research focused on treatments and a cure.

MDF Impact:

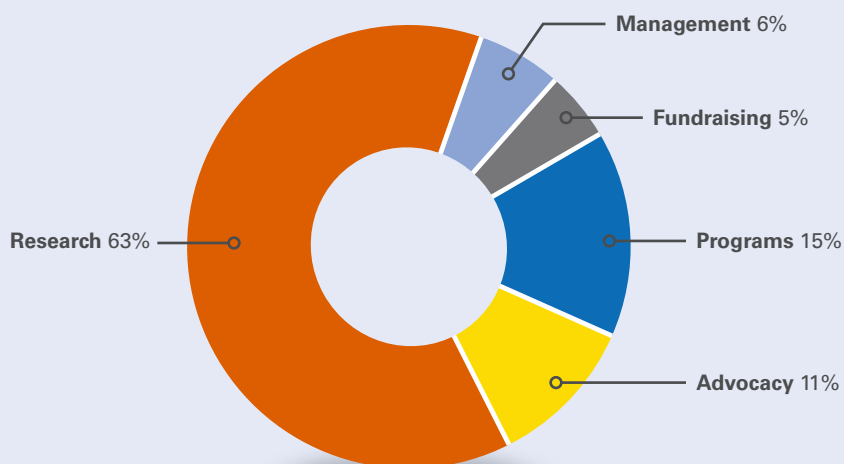
MDF is the world’s largest DM-only patient advocacy organization. Our programs include funding critical research, providing comprehensive resources and support to affected individuals, and advocating with government agencies to enhance the drug development pipeline, increase research funding and improve patient services.

Your Donations at Work:

87 cents* of every dollar donated goes straight to funding research and providing resources to families living with DM.

**based on 2016 and 2015 audited financial statements.*

Visit www.myotonic.org for more information, including an audited financial statement. Call 415-800-7777 to find out how you can support Care and a Cure.



Care Impact:

- **More than 10,000 DM patients and family members** worldwide are served by our support programs and resources every year
- MDF hosts the **largest annual DM-focused conference in the world**, delivering education and support programs, convening stakeholders and connecting research and industry professionals and community members
- We are improving care for affected individuals by **developing clinical care recommendations** with an international network of medical experts
- MDF is spearheading a multi-pronged effort with the U.S. Social Security Administration to **improve access to disability benefits** for people living with myotonic dystrophy
- Our **international support group network, Warmline and Phone Buddies programs** connect and support MDF community members around the world

Cure Impact:

- MDF launched a **\$5 million, 3-year drug development acceleration** effort including 15 major initiatives designed to attract more industry investment, lower barriers to therapy development, and expand the amount of data available to drive discovery
- We are expanding DM research by **funding research fellows, clinical trial infrastructure projects** and other key research efforts (19 research fellows funded to date)
- MDF maintains **one of the largest DM patient registries in the world** to ensure that the community is organized and trial-ready, and to collect data needed for better disease understanding
- MDF **advocates for additional DM funding** at the National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and the Department of Defense, and works with US and international regulatory agencies to optimize the drug review and approval process