



Care and a Cure

# OUR IMPACT REPORT

2017 - 2018



THE MDF COMMUNITY SPANS  
62 COUNTRIES



**MORE THAN 500**  
Warmline calls & emails  
from people living with  
DM, caregivers, medical  
professionals & others

MDF FACEBOOK POSTS &  
PRIVATE GROUPS RECEIVED

**>38,000 LIKES,**   
COMMENTS & SHARES



**55,000+**  
**VISITORS**  
explored the online  
MDF Body Systems Tool

**200** hours of in-person  
& virtual support  
group meetings



14,000  
DOWNLOADS OF THE MDF TOOLKIT  
& OTHER ONLINE RESOURCES

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

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.

## CARE IMPACT

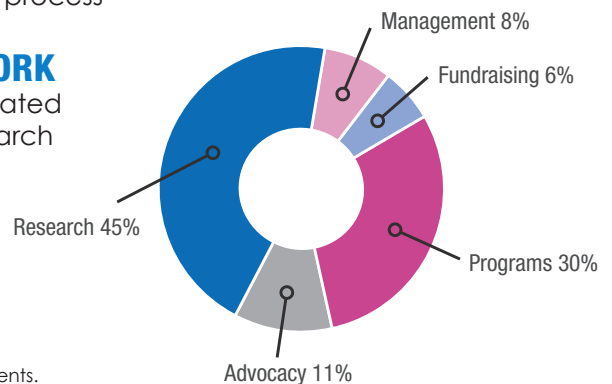
- **More than 15,000 DM patients and family members** worldwide are served by our support programs and resources every year
- MDF hosts the **largest annual DM-focused conference in the world**, delivering education and support programs, convening stakeholders and connecting research and industry professionals and community members
- We have improved care for affected individuals by **publishing clinical care recommendations** with an international network of medical experts
- MDF spearheaded a multi-pronged effort with the U.S. Social Security Administration to **improve access to disability benefits** for people living with myotonic dystrophy
- Our **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 (30 research fellows and 67 other grants 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

## YOUR DONATIONS AT WORK

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



\*based on 2017 audited financial statements.

