



Let's Get Ready To Walk

As part of our ongoing efforts to raise vital dollars to support our mission and reach new communities, we are excited to announce that we will be developing our first-ever national event – a walkathon to fight GBS, CIDP and its variants. Our new walk fundraising campaign will be designed to engage the thousands of affected individuals, their families and communities. The walk will be a way to show the nation how a team of truly inspired individuals can make a difference.

Our goal is to launch the walk at three sites and online this spring. Bringing the walk to your area will entail forming a walk committee to plan and implement your local event. Nationally, we will be forming a walk team to help each committee every step of the way. We can't make this happen without you and want to thank everyone in advance for what we know will be an amazing annual campaign.

If you are interested in being one of inaugural walks this spring, please contact us at info@gbs-cidp.org or (610) 667-0131 and stay tuned for additional walk-related announcements.

Letter from Ken Singleton, Executive Director



October, 2012 was quite a month!

The 12th International Symposium in Fort Worth, Texas on October 26th- 28th exceeded our expectations. We watched a group of 420 attendees become a family. We heard from neurology experts from around the world who made themselves available and answered our patients' questions. What an event!

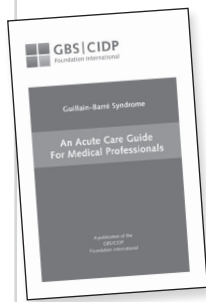
But then, Sandy (the Hurricane) struck. Many of us from the East Coast were stranded in Texas because flights were canceled. Upon finally returning home, we became part of a "reaching out" effort to help victims of this dreadful disaster. It crossed my mind that we had just had a similar experience.

In Texas we watched people reaching out to each other the way we reach out daily to our 30,000 members. The services we provide offer relief in many different ways. Our patients have a catastrophic life experience, but manage to make the best of it and so will our East Coast patients and friends affected by "Sandy".

The legacy that the Foundation has created will continue to survive. We thank you, our extended family, for helping us in our efforts to achieve our mission.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, Medical Advisory Board and staff, I wish you a very healthy holiday filled with peace and joy.

Ken Singleton



To Our Medical Professionals

We are pleased to announce the release of a new publication, *GBS: An Acute Care Guide for Medical Professionals* Authored by Joel Steinberg, MD, PhD.

The guide provides a comprehensive summary of the mainstays of treatment for newly diagnosed GBS patients. If you would like copies please contact the office at info@gbs-cidp.org or (610) 667-0131.

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Fundraiser in Atlanta

14 year old Kimberly Hammond Wragg, an 8th grader at Newton County High School outside Atlanta, decided that she needed to do something. Her 4 year old cousin came down with GBS. She was very worried because Kathy was on a ventilator and has to use a walker. First, Kimberly held a car wash to help with her cousin's family expenses. Next she held a fund raiser for GBS/CIDP Foundation International at a local restaurant where the restaurant donated 10% from that night's sales. She raised \$288 and presented a check to Bill Robbins, the liaison in Atlanta, at his chapter meeting on November 12th. Kimberly plans to hold additional fund raisers for the Foundation. We thank her and her family for their deep care and commitment to Kathy and the Foundation.



REMINDER

*Looking to keep the spirit
of giving alive this holiday season?*

Give the gift of a year-end TAX DEDUCTIBLE
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