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From The President

Each fall we celebrate the many people who have helped the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan change the lives of thousands of people in Michigan affected by seizures through our Flame of Hope Awards receptions. At this time, the Foundation also recognizes six individuals who have demonstrated exceptional service.

The Flame of Hope Advocacy Award is given to someone who is a tireless advocate for his/her patients and provides exceptional care. This award was given to Daniel Fain, MD and Jeffrey A. Loeb, MD, PhD.

A pediatric neurologist at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo, Dr. Daniel Fain embraces the health and happiness of his young patients as if they were one of his four children. Dr. Fain volunteers at Camp Discovery, and shares his knowledge about epilepsy at our Epilepsy Today Conferences.

Dr. Jeffrey Loeb is a practicing neurologist who is also an associate professor in the Department of Neurology and the Associate Director of the Center for Molecular Medicine and Genetics at Wayne State University. Dr. Loeb has made many advances in epilepsy research and is currently working on a study of gene expression in human epilepsy. Dr. Loeb serves on our Professional Advisory Committee.

The Flame of Hope Service Award is given to someone who is an instrument of inspiration for others and a valuable resource to the Foundation. This award was given to Danielle Lukaart and Holly Hamill.

Danielle Lukaart, known to the Foundation as “Darcy”, first came to us when she was considering sending her daughter, Harleigh, to our Camp Discovery. Once a self-proclaimed behind-the-scenes person, she is now outwardly fearless about advocating for people with seizures. Darcy has spread the word to state and local legislators, and has aggressively gotten our Seizure Smart Program introduced into her local school system.

Holly Hamill has a remarkable story about how deeply epilepsy has touched her and her son, Joey. After Joey’s first seizure at the age of six, Holly contacted the Foundation in need of information. Since that day, Holly has become one of our most fierce advocates. She has assisted in getting our Seizure Smart Program into Joey’s school system. Holly’s story of strength is an inspiration to many parents battling the effects of epilepsy.

The Flame of Hope Community Leadership Award recognizes efforts to bring awareness of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan into communities. This award was given to Paul Wildrick and the Paul Neu Memorial Golf Classic Planning Committee.

Inspired by his young daughter with epilepsy, Paul Wildrick has utilized the support of his family, friends, and his employers matching gift program to make a significant impact on his community. Paul amazes us every year at the Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ with his ingenious team names and even more ingenious team costumes. But his lasting gift to the Foundation is the number of people we are able to touch, with the over $15,000 he has raised for our mission.

The Paul Neu Memorial Golf Classic Planning Committee was formed in 2005, in an effort to remember an amazing man who lost his life to epilepsy but lived his life to the absolute fullest. Not only was this committee of Paul’s dear family and closest friends formed in an effort to remember him, but its goal was to raise necessary funding and awareness for a cause that was very close to Paul’s heart. Since the inception of their event, the committee has successfully raised more than $50,000 for the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to the many supporters of the Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™. Because of you, the Foundation received its first Golden Circle Award from the national Epilepsy Foundation. This award is given to affiliates who net at least $100,000 on any fundraising initiative. The 2007 Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ raised a total of $121,279.25 with a net of $100,442. Thank you for helping us to empower independence and inspire productive lives!
Camp Discovery 2007 was held from August 19th – 23rd. This year, the Foundation hosted camp at the state of the art, modern Sherman Lake YMCA Outdoor Center in Augusta, MI. Camp provided a wide range of activities including indoor swimming and rock wall climbing during the inclement weather as well as horse-back riding, kayaking, sports, arts & crafts, archery, karaoke, and much more.

Thanks to the overwhelming response to our requests for volunteer assistance, we were able to provide an impressive level of medical care and general supervision for our campers. Camp increased this year with 84 children from across the state attending (an increase from 75 children last year and 54 children two years ago).

Staff, Volunteers, and campers all agreed that this was our best camp yet!

WHAT THE CAMPERS SAY…
- I feel better about myself having epilepsy, thank you for showing me I am a normal kid – Zack R.
- I would like to tell anyone that gave money for Camp Discovery Thank you for doing what you did and PLEASE KEEP DOING IT! – Kevin S.
- I learned there are more people like me so I should not be afraid. – Shardae W.
- I learned you don’t need to be scared of epilepsy. It’s just who you are. – Sarah V.

WHAT THE PARENTS SAY…
- It is the MOST positive experience you can offer your child. The children have the adventure of a lifetime…Lauren had a wonderful time. She enjoyed her independence, and I was able to relax, knowing she was well supervised. - Susan B.
- This is an unbelievable and wonderful opportunity for a child with epilepsy. My child is able to attend camp like every other child. I never thought this would be possible. – Laura H.

WEEKEND RETREAT UPDATE

Adults Building Stronger Relationships

The first Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan Southeast Michigan Adult Weekend Retreat took place the weekend of September 29-30, 2007 in Taylor, Michigan. Twenty adults spent the weekend engaged in activities that allowed them to learn more about themselves and each other. Group discussions covered topics that included coping, communicating, relating, and overcoming challenges. The attendees created such strong bonds that they exchanged contact information and made plans to keep in touch. When asked if they would recommend the retreat, one attendee said, “Yes, definitely… The experience is something you would not forget.” Call Sheryl Darroch at 800-377-6226, ext. 1-231 to RSVP your interest in the 2008 Adult Weekend Retreats – dates to be determined.
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan was pleased to host our annual Flame of Hope Award Reception in two locations to honor individuals for their dedication to our mission; not another moment lost to seizures. The event was an opportunity for the Foundation to give thanks to some of the many individuals that have helped us achieve our goals. The Flame of Hope is much more than just a symbol attached to our logo. The Flame of Hope represents the spirit in which we reach out to those affected by epilepsy and their families every day. Both events honored the Foundation's Winning Kids with trophies and a touching candle lighting ceremony. The Foundation also presented three prestigious awards: the Flame of Hope Advocacy Award; Flame of Hope Service Award; and our Flame of Hope Community Leadership Award. This event helped the Foundation express gratitude toward remarkable donors, volunteers, and tireless supporters.

**FLAME OF HOPE WEST MICHIGAN**

Held at THE TOP OF THE BOB in Grand Rapids on September 20th

Flame of Hope Advocacy Award
Daniel Fain, MD

Flame of Hope Service Award
Darielle Lukaart

Flame of Hope Community Leadership Award
Paul Neu Memorial Golf Classic Planning Committee

Sponsored by Mercantile Bank of Michigan

Special thanks to Ball Park Floral

**FLAME OF HOPE SOUTHEAST MICHIGAN**

Held at The Community House in Birmingham on September 25th

Flame of Hope Advocacy Award
Jeffrey A. Loeb, MD, PhD

Flame of Hope Service Award
Holly Hamill

Flame of Hope Community Leadership Award
Paul Wildrick

Sponsored by PhRMA

Special thanks to Affordable Flowers

**November is Epilepsy Awareness Month**

**Spread the Word**
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan Needs Volunteers to help “Spread the Word” about epilepsy.

**AWARENESS OPPORTUNITIES**

**Share your story**
Find opportunities to share your story through writing, media, civic groups, businesses, etc.

**Take Foundation information to physicians**
Deliver brochures, posters, etc. to their offices.

**Take Foundation information to the public**
Ask local coffee shops, stores, restaurants, etc. if you can drop off information for them to display – brochures, posters, flyers, etc.

**Health Fairs**
This involves finding local Health Fairs to attend, setting up and sitting by the display, distributing materials, and answering questions for those who stop by.

Your support is essential to “Spreading the Word” about epilepsy. Without volunteers, we would not be able to fulfill our mission of empowering people with epilepsy to live productive lives.

To help spread the word or to find out about other volunteer opportunities, please call 1-800-377-6226 or email us at events@epilepsymichigan.org

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Since we launched our EEG (Epilepsy Entertainment Gatherings) program in July, 2006, over 264 people have attended the monthly social events, and have met and developed relationships with others facing the challenges of epilepsy.

Are you one of the 264? Wouldn’t you like to be? Last quarter we went to a WNBA Detroit Shock basketball game and Miller’s Big Red Apple Orchard. On October 20 we held our Second Annual Halloween Costume Party, and on November 17 we will be meeting at the Warren Community Aquatic Center to enjoy their family leisure pool, water play structure, water slide, and lazy river. There is nothing like a little reminder of summer when the days start to get shorter and the air a bit chillier.

Get the details on our website: www.epilepsymichigan.org. Click on Epilepsy Entertainment Gatherings, scroll down, and click on October 2007 EEG Readings Newsletter or call Sheryl Darroch at 1-800-377-6226, option 1, ext. 231.

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2nd Annual Paul Neu Memorial Golf Classic

On July 23rd, the Paul Neu Memorial Golf Classic honored their beloved son, brother, uncle and friend at the 2nd Annual Paul Neu Memorial Golf Classic at the beautiful Railside Golf Club in Byron Center, Michigan. Paul’s family, friends and business associates began brainstorming about this event at his funeral and have since held this great event for the second time. This event has created the great opportunity to combine Paul’s love of golf, his amazing family, and his devotion to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan to help further our mission of serving people with epilepsy.

This year’s event was a huge success with more than 130 golfers and raising over $25,000! The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan would like to convey its sincerest thanks to the Neu family and the entire Paul Neu Memorial Golf Classic Planning Committee for their commitment, support and hard work. We would also like to thank the many event sponsors, participants, and dedicated volunteers.

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RESEARCH IN PROGRESS:

Current Clinical Trials Involving Epilepsy Research

For people with intractable epilepsy, many of whom have tried virtually every treatment available to them, new information on epilepsy and possible treatments is much sought after. One of the means for obtaining this information is through clinical trials. Clinical trials examine the safety and effectiveness of new epilepsy treatments through direct study of human subjects. In addition to providing important information on the benefits and risks of new treatments, clinical trials offer the opportunity for study participants to receive new treatments before they are widely available.

The following is a breakdown, by topic, of the 134 clinical trials involving epilepsy that are currently taking place:

Current Antiepileptic Drugs
- 50 studies examining and comparing the safety and effectiveness of current antiepileptic drugs or new formulations of existing drugs

New Antiepileptic Drugs
- 24 studies, including trials of Rufinamide, Seletracetam, Ganaxolone, Lacosamide, Brivaracetam, Retigabine, Carvedilol-CR, and E2007

Epilepsy Etiology and Diagnosis
- 23 studies examining genetic, structural, and biochemical factors that contribute to epilepsy and evaluating the effectiveness of diagnostic procedures in identifying such factors

Conditions Associated with Epilepsy
- 14 studies examining conditions associated with epilepsy, including depression, memory dysfunction, migraine, psychogenic seizures, bipolar disorder, ADHD, and osteoporosis

Treatments Involving Electrical and/or Magnetic Stimulation
- 8 studies, including trials of the Responsive Neurostimulator System, vagus nerve stimulation, subthalamic nucleus stimulation, transcranial direct current stimulation, transcranial magnetic stimulation, deep brain stimulation, and hippocampal neurostimulation

Rescue Medications (treatments for prolonged seizures)
- 7 studies, including trials of a Diazepam autoinjection system and intranasal midazolam

Behavioral and Dietary Therapies
- 5 studies involving the ketogenic diet, the Modified Atkins diet, yoga, and behavioral management of epilepsy

Surgical Procedures (not involving electrical/magnetic stimulation)
- 3 studies examining various surgical procedures

For more information on these studies, their eligibility requirements, and where they are being conducted, please contact Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan or visit www.clinicaltrials.gov.
SAVE THE DATE
The Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan is pleased to announce the 3rd Annual

Mardi Gras Gala
Please join us as we crown

Mark R. Bartlett
of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan as the King of Mardi Gras

FAT TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2008
The Royal Park Hotel, Rochester, MI at 6:30 PM
Come and enjoy a night of New Orleans-inspired cuisine, cocktails, and live entertainment.

Let the good times roll!
For more information on attending this event, please contact Brianna Romines at 248-351-7979 ext. 1-217 or email events@epilepsymichigan.org

Board of Directors
The Foundation is pleased to announce the election of the following individuals to the Board of Directors for a three year term:

Gregory Barkley, MD
Henry Ford Health System
Elizabeth Garofalo, MD
Todd Hohauser
Harvey Hohauser & Associates
Gerald Johnson, Jr.
David Kapelanski
Compuware Corporation
James Madaus
Citizens Bank
Delores Gardner Stokes
Digitas

The Foundation would like to thank Mr. John Elkins and Mrs. Terri Murray for their service on the Board of Directors.

We thank John Elkins for his years of service to this organization. During his term as Chairman of the Board of Directors, he led transformation of the organization from a medical clinic to an education and advocacy organization. He played a key role in creating a partnership with the Henry Ford Health System and subsequently oversaw the transfer of the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan’s seizure clinics to them.

We thank Terri Murray for her service to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan. She and her family established the Family Fun Run, a well-established fundraising function benefiting the Foundation.

The Foundation would like to express its sincere gratitude to the above individuals for their passion, commitment, and dedication to the Foundation and its mission.

THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, GIVE THE GIFT OF HOPE
WE HAVE A GREAT GIFT IDEA FOR YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS, CO-WORKERS, AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATES!

By giving a donation to the Epilepsy Foundation of Michigan in honor of someone you know, we will send them this personalized message on holiday-inspired, stationary signifying the generous gift you have made in their name. This is the ideal way to share the holiday spirit while supporting the important mission of the Foundation.

PERFECT FOR THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING!
Please log on our website, www.epilepsymichigan.com to learn more about this great offer, or contact the Foundation at 800-377-6226, option 1, ext. 217.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER
EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH
Nov. 13 - Port Huron Epilepsy Today Conference
Nov. 17 - EEG Event - Indoor Water Park

DECEMBER
December 4 - Gallery of Hope (Birmingham)

JANUARY
January 9 - Winter Open House

FEBRUARY
February 5 - Mardi Gras Gala

APRIL
April 2 - Spring Open House

MAY
May 31 - Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ Dow Diamond, Midland

JUNE
Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™
June 7th, Celery Flats in Kalamazoo County
June 14th, Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak
June 21st, Bayfront Park in Petoskey
June 28th, Riverwalk in Grand Rapids

SAVE THE DATES FOR 2008 SUMMER STROLL FOR EPILEPSY™

Look for the Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ brochure in your mail starting in January or visit us at www.epilepsymichigan.org as we kick-off this exciting Summer Stroll for Epilepsy™ season!

Mark these dates on your calendar:

May 31st, Dow Diamond in Midland NEW LOCATION!
June 7th, Celery Flats in Kalamazoo County
June 14th, Detroit Zoo in Royal Oak
June 21st, Bayfront Park in Petoskey
June 28th, Riverwalk in Grand Rapids

To remember all the fun you had at this year’s Summer Stroll, please visit the newly expanded PHOTO GALLERY at www.epilepsymichigan.org.

It would be an honor to have your company as a sponsor or a corporate team for our 2008 Summer Stroll Season! For more information please visit HOW YOU CAN HELP at www.epilepsymichigan.org or contact Duc Abrahamson at 1(800) 377-6226 ext. 1-236 or at dabrahamson@epilepsymichigan.org.

If you’ve already made your will...

Congratulations! But does it need to be revised?

Ask yourself:

- Is my executor still appropriate and willing to serve?
  - Yes  No

- Does my will still meet my family’s needs, given any births, marriages, or deaths that have occurred?
  - Yes  No

- Does my will address the needs of my children or parents who would require care in my absence?
  - Yes  No

- Has my attorney reviewed my will in recent years so that my plans reflect current tax laws?
  - Yes  No

- Does my estate plan provide for my favorite charitable organizations?
  - Yes  No

If you answered No to any questions, you may wish to review your plans. They may need to be altered to serve you as well as possible.