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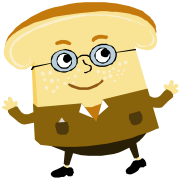


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Some of this News is Stale



Some of this news is a little stale. Get it fresh by making sure we have a current email address for you. If you haven't received any nifty email updates from us in the last couple months, this means we DO NOT have your email address. If you want fresh updates on such things as research, support and education opportunities and much more, just drop us an email at info@nfmidwest.org.

Don't Let the Bad Economy Take Away Hope!

We know the economy has caused a great strain on many of our members and on the generous donors that we rely on. The bailouts and the poor economy may limit federal funds for NF research and donations to our organization. In this downturn, the question is can we keep hope alive? Can we continue to march towards a cure? Can we continue to provide programs and support to those affected by NF? Can we increase awareness? To quote our new President, YES, WE CAN!

Here are some thoughts and ideas to keep in mind:

- Write your congressmen when we tell you (and any time you please), urging them to support NF research. Be especially ready to move fast when we instruct you to.
- Don't be afraid to ask people to support the cause either financially or with donations of goods and/or services. A better place for cash is with us. The best investment is in NF research and education.
- Hopefully you and your acquaintances are all working, but if not, consider donating time to the cause while you're waiting for things to turn around.

Get Ready to Write to Congress!

We need everyone to start writing their representatives the U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives urging for funding of Neurofibromatosis research. Please, look for more details including the appropriate wording on our website at nfmidwest.org.



Don't miss NF Family Day at the Kane County Cougars on May 15th! See inside for details!

Don't miss another event. Sign up for email updates at nfmidwest.org!

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| Sunday April 19 <i>Ask The Doctors</i> In Oak Park Shriner's Children's Hospital | Saturday May 15 <i>NF Family Day</i> Kane County Cougars In Geneva | Saturday June 6 <i>Great Steps</i> Naperville, IL |
| Saturday June 20 <i>Great Steps</i> Effingham, IL | Friday Aug. 14 <i>Golf Outing</i> Prairie Landing West Chicago | Saturday Oct. 17 <i>NF Symposium</i> NIU Hoffman Estates |

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Mission Statement

NF, Inc. Midwest is an organization dedicated to the support and education of people affected by the Neurofibromatoses; to the education of health care providers; and to the investment in research.

Disclaimer

Neurofibromatosis, Inc. Midwest does not endorse any of the medications, treatments, or products reported in this newsletter. This information is intended only to keep our members informed. We strongly advise that you check any drugs or treatments mentioned with your physician.

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Thank You Lucy Korf and Innovative Mail Services, Inc.

For many, many years Lucy Korf of Innovative Mail Services, Inc. has been processing our bulk mailers such as this newsletter at NO CHARGE. This has been, and continues to be, a tremendous savings to us and is a phenomenal help to the NF cause. In November we stopped by the Innovative offices to honor Lucy with an Outstanding Service Award. While there we also thanked Brian Korf, Lucy's husband, for his years of service on the NF, Inc. Midwest Board of Directors and to present him with a Neurofibromatosis Fighter shirt. Brian left the board this year.

If you have a business that could use Lucy's services, this would be a great way to show your appreciation. Lucy's offices are in Mt. Prospect, Illinois and she can be reached at Mt. Prospect (847) 590-1964

Ask The Doctors

Do you have a question you would like a health care professional with NF expertise? Do you wonder what other people's questions about NF are? Do you have a need to know how others find ways around the obstacles that NF can cause?

Come join us for a casual afternoon of learning. A panel of medical professionals with an expertise in NF will be available to answer your questions.

Don't Miss
Ask the Doctors
April 19th, 2009
2:00 – 4:00 pm

Shriners Hospital, Chicago, IL
(on Chicago's western border by Oak Park)

To register or for more information, call the NF, Inc. Midwest office at 630.932.8111 or drop an email to info@nfmidwest.org.

This event is FREE!
Refreshments will be provided!



At the 2008 "Ask The Doctors", attendees enjoy a casual question and answer session with Dr. Listernick of Children's Memorial and Dr. Tonsgard of the University of Chicago.



Brian Korf accepts an NF Fighter polo for his years of service on the NF Inc. Midwest Board as his wife, Lucy, accepts an award for Outstanding Service.

Physicians Assistants Conference

Long-time board member and advocate for NF, Dave Evans, spoke at the Illinois Academy of Physician Assistants Fall CME conference in October. Dave has experienced discrimination from his NF and often educates people in the health care field about living with neurofibromatosis. NF, Inc. Midwest also had a table there to display and distribute information about the organization and neurofibromatosis. Conferences such as this helps us to raise awareness and to educate the health care community. Please, let us know if you are aware of any other events where we can spread the word.



Dave Evans speaking at the IAPA conference in October.

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Why We Participated in a Research

From The Bukowski Family

We never thought our family would become part of a research study. After all, we're relatively healthy—with the exception of our oldest child, who has a mild case of Neurofibromatosis. When we'd go on the NF, Inc. bulletin board or participate in the Great Steps for NF annual walks, we'd feel like outsiders because our child's case was so mild.

When we read about the research study on the NF, Inc. website, we were intrigued. (You can find out about more NF clinical trials at www.nfinc.org/clin.shtml.) After reviewing details and asking questions, we decided to participate. It seemed like a "no-brainer" for our family: there were no needles involved, it was located in the Midwest, they could perform the study with minimal time off of work for us, and—most importantly—the risks to our child would be minimal. We liked contributing to research and felt that the information obtained from the study could benefit future generations of patients with NF—perhaps including our own family someday. It made sense for us to do it.

We were warned in advance that one of the negatives of participating in the study would be the possibility of discovering inoperable tumors on or near the spine. We laughed when we heard that because so much of having NF involves unpleasant surprises that you cannot control. It was something we were becoming used to.

The research study coordinator was extremely helpful, coordinating all the details of the study, meeting us at the hospital, and waiting with us. She was also grateful for our participation—as were the doctors who were involved. They recognized the sacrifice involved in doing the study—time; money for hotel, food, and gas; and emotional sacrifice. They were all pleasant and friendly to work with.

We started the study thinking that we didn't have much to offer, yet wanting to make a difference. Because of the study, though, we have gained information about our child's health. You see, our child didn't have any problems with NF other than café au lait spots, armpit freckling, and Lisch nodules. The study's tests revealed, however, that our child has scoliosis. The scoliosis had not been caught by the pediatrician and, had we not participated in the research study, it would likely not have been found for another year. We ended up being grateful for being a part of a study that could now not only help future generations of patients with NF, but our own child.

We are planning on participating in the study for about two more years and, as a result of our experience, wholeheartedly recommend that others participate in research studies and clinical trials. It has become a bonding time for our family, a time when we all gather together to support our child who has NF. We receive a mini family vacation out of it and NF research gathers more information to help others. To us, it's a win-win situation that we're proud to be a part of.

NF Smarty Pants

A great, new online resource for NF news and information can be found at the weblog **NF Smarty Pants** (<http://nf.smartypantsknowitall.com>). Marie Kung, a long-time volunteer with NF, Inc. Midwest, is the creator and blogger of the site. Below, she tells us about her newest project.

What is NF Smarty Pants? NF Smarty Pants is a weblog, or blog, of the latest NF-related news and events.

Why did you start this project? For it being such a prevalent genetic disorder, coverage about NF is really hard to come by. There are local and regional organizations supporting specific geographic locations, but it is harder to get the bigger picture. Also, researchers and scientists release findings all the time. These rarely make it into mainstream news.

I hope the NF Smarty Pants blog can continue to be a central location—a one stop website—where visitors can see what is going on around the country, or even internationally.

I honestly did not expect to have so many items to post. There are individuals and families stepping in all over the place to raise funds and awareness in ways that never get heard about outside their county lines. It reminds me of how much the effort to fight NF is still a loving grassroots movement even as the federal and national coalitions continue their growth.

Could you share a memorable story or two?

It's interesting to see some of the stories that touched me right off the bat continue to grow. For example, James O'Neal is a Safeway cashier in Kirkland, Washington. He has severely disfiguring facial tumors that affect his quality of life. Some of his loyal customers started a campaign [<http://friendsofjamesoneal.blogspot.com/>] to raise money so he can afford corrective surgeries. I saw it when it was first getting started. As more and more people and more and more companies got involved, the number and level of the news outlets that picked up his story also increased.

Another amazing story is Jessica Stone. She had a life-threatening brain tumor that needed to come out. But its removal would cause her to go deaf. Through her local TV station, she video blogged her last month as a person with hearing. It was incredible to see her record and cherish all the sounds and experiences she would miss. Just recently, Good Morning America featured her story.

I must say that my favorite news item to follow was Jodi Harrington and Josh Howell's hike across America. Jodi kept an amazing walking journal [www.trailjournals.com/adtnf], and it's fun to see all these little local papers that wrote about them as they traveled through their towns.

How do you find your information? I regularly check the websites of local organizations to see if they have events coming up or news to announce. I have also set up news alerts so when a news story about NF is published online, I know about it. As I get the chance, I contact the people I see organizing out there and tell them about my blog. Hopefully,

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this will encourage others to send me their news.

Is a blog hard to access for the technologically challenged? No, if you use the internet, you can read a blog. For those more familiar with blogs, they can add the site to their readers. But really, the best and most hassle-free way to keep up with the updates is to use the email subscription service. It's in the right-hand column. All you have to do is enter your email address and the newest posts will automatically email to your inbox.

Ok, lastly, why did you call it NF Smarty Pants?

I already had the Smarty Pants part from another project. To keep things more cost-effective, I'm reusing it. You'll also see some ads, hopefully subtle ones, in the sidebars. When people click on one, I get a couple of pennies. They are not there to offend. I'm just trying to offset some of the costs.

Check It Out...

NF Buddies Book—Go to www.nfcalifornia.org and check out the *NF Buddies Book*. This is a children's book, explaining Neurofibromatosis as a child would – very matter of fact and full of hope. While you're there check out *Buddy the Bear's* blog. He's visiting children with NF all over the world and could visit yours.

Clinical Trials—Looking for a way to help Neurofibromatosis research by participating in clinical trials? Check out www.clinicaltrials.gov and search *neurofibromatosis*.

Coffee Cakes—Check out www.coffeecakes.com the next time you need a gift for a friend or business acquaintance or a sweet treat for yourself. Proceeds go to NF Inc.

NF Midwest Store—Take a peak at NF Midwest's Zazzle store where we will be adding items that you can purchase to promote NF awareness. Go to www.zazzle.com/nfmidwest. If you have an idea or design, please let us know.

Goodsearch—Be sure to use GoodSearch.com as your search engine. Every search can earn funds for the NF cause. Just go to www.goodsearch.com and enter *Neurofibromatosis, Inc - Midwest* as the charity you want to support. Be sure to everyone you know to use it!

The Obama Doodle—Keep an eye out for the doodle that President Barack Obama did for National Doodle Day for NF two years ago. It will be produced on apparel and other items to benefit NF, Inc. National. Check the nfinc.org website for updates on this project.



National Doodle Day for NF

Check out National Doodle Day as part of NF Awareness Month in May and be sure to spread the word! National Doodle Day is a very special event that raises funds and awareness for the neurofibromatosis cause through the donations of doodles by celebrities, artists and others. These doodles will be auctioned through Ebay in May. Go to NFInc.org or doodledayusa.org for more information.



Symposium Update

Finding hope in research and comfort in friends.

On Saturday, October 18th we held our annual symposium. Approximately 160 people attended this educational and social event.

We currently have DVDs and audio CDs available of the morning general session and the NF1 session.

This includes:

- Introductions
- Dr. Tonsgard on NF1 vs. NF2,
- *Celebrating the Differences* with Rick Guidotti from Positive Exposure
- Attorney James Donner on SSI and SSDI
- Dr. Robert Listernick on NF1 and Children
- Dr. Tonsgard on the types of neurofibromas
- Dr. Nancy Ratner's research update on how neurofibromas form and what has been learned from mouse models

The costs of the DVDs is \$25.00. The cost of the CDs is \$20.00. To order, please call the office at 630.932.8111 or drop an email to info@nfmidwest.org

Symposium DVDs and CDs for sale!

A volunteer is also working on the transcripts, which should include the three NF2 sessions with Dr. Tonsgard, Dr. Redleaf and Dr. Haberkamp, plus the first four sessions listed above—Introduction, Tonsgard, Positive Exposure and SSI/SSDI with James Donner. Please, let us know if you would like these.



Check out the Symposium Photos Online

Rick Guidotti of Positive Exposure took some beautiful photos at our symposium. Rick, a fashion photographer, founded Positive Exposure to bring positive exposure to genetic conditions. Not only did he take some wonderful photos, he also gave a uplifting presentation about his passion for genetic conditions and what real beauty is.

Check out the new Neurofibromatosis Gallery at www.positiveexposure.org.

If you'd like to order pictures from our October symposium, go to www.rickgnyc.exposuremanager.com/g/nf2008 and use the password *chicago*.



Get Ready For Great Steps 2009! Now in 2 Locations on 2 Different Dates!



Get ready, get psyched, get to making a difference and prepare to participate in Great Steps 2009! If you haven't joined in this fun event before, we'd love to see you this year. You now have the choice of two different locations on two different dates as walks will be held in:

Naperville, June 6th Effingham, June 20th

The more people that come out to walk, the louder the roar we can make for the NF cause.

Last year we had over 800 walkers in Naperville, let's hit a 1000! In Effingham last year, a small group threw together a last-minute "simulwalk" and raised \$2,000. This year we want central Illinois to know about the NF cause. Join this initial Great Steps walk and be the start of something wonderful!

Information about the walks are available at nfmidwest.org and greatsteps.org. Be sure to visit the site and come back frequently for updates. Also, registration brochures have been mailed, please let us know if you didn't receive one. In the meantime, we are always in need of raffle and other prizes, plus donations of food and miscellaneous sundries. We also have openings for company sponsorships. Please, think of who you know that may be able to help us out.

If you have any questions please give us a call at 630.932.8111 or drop an email to info@nfmidwest.org.

Needed for the Walks

Clown
Breakfast Goods
Newspaper Ads
Water
Raffle & Prizes such as...

Cubs Tickets
Sox Tickets
Free Hotel Rooms
Gift Certificates

Much More!

Kane County Cougars NF Family Day An evening of Fun, Food and Fireworks!



Friday, May 15, 2009
Pregame Catered Picnic: 5:00 P.M.
Game Time: 6:30 P.M.
Cost: \$15 per adult, kids (under 17) FREE!

Sponsored in part by



NF, Inc. Midwest's Parent's Action Committee (PAC) invites NF affected families and friends to attend their NF Family day at a Kane County Cougar game. This event is generously sponsored in part by Fox Valley Women's and Children's Health Partners.

The Parent's Action Committee's goal is to support the needs of kids with NF, their families and the friends that surround them. This event is a great way to get involved and meet other NF families within your own community and to promote NF Awareness month.

NF Midwest has reserved a private outfield Deck, where Cougars staff will set up, cook and clean up while you enjoy a catered picnic. After the picnic enjoy the game and fireworks with a unique view of the field.

Reserve your tickets now. 1-630-932-8111 or by e-mail jrutter@nfmidwest.org. Space is limited. Handicap access is available.



If you have a child between the ages of 7 and 16 with Neurofibromatosis, consider sending them to Camp New Friends in Buckeystown, Maryland, July 12-18. This camp is put together by the Children's National Medical Center and is a fantastic experience. Camp sponsorships are available.

We usually have funds that go unused, so please think about it. For more information contact NF Inc. Midwest at 630.932.8111 or Brainy Camps of the Department of Neurology, Children's National Medical Center at 202.476.3181 or go to brainy-camps.com.



Talking With Your Doctor: An Online Video for Teens

"Talking With Your Doctor" is an 18-minute video that teaches teens how to communicate effectively with healthcare providers. Teens also learn how to prepare and give information to healthcare providers that will help them get the best possible medical care. The video was produced by the Institute for Child Health Policy at the University of Florida. Visit <http://video.ichp.ufl.edu/twyd.php> to view the video.

NF Adult Group (NAG)

On Saturday, November 15th we had the first meeting of our NF1 Action Group, appropriately called NAG! This is a group of NF affected adults whose focus is to raise funds and awareness; provide support; and share experiences in a safe social outlet. Meetings are generally planned a month in advance. If you'd like to be notified of NAG happenings please contact the office at 630.932.8111 or drop us an email at nag@nfmidwest.org.

Parents Action Committee (NF-PAC)

The first meeting of the newly formed Parents Action Committee (PAC) was Saturday, November 15th. This is an informal group that anyone with an NF child or young adult may participate in. The focus of the committee is to create opportunities for kids with NF to meet and socialize; to promote NF awareness; to support each other; and to share and learn from each others experiences. Our meetings are not set on a regular schedule. If you want to be informed of meetings and events you need to call us at 630.932.8111 or drop an email to parents@nfmidwest.org.

Membership Dues

NF, Inc. Midwest does have yearly membership dues of \$25.00 per member. While we don't strictly enforce these dues because we believe in serving the Neurofibromatosis community regardless of their ability to pay, membership dues help us to provide the very basic services of a newsletter, website, etc. If you are able, please consider sending in your annual membership dues of \$25 to let us know that you are still interested in our work and services on behalf of the NF community.



NF2 News From NF2 Crew

The 5th annual Ohio Gathering was held in Columbus Ohio on - when else? Columbus Day weekend! It was at the Best Western in Pickerington, Ohio. It began with Friday night's social get together. The tradition is dinner at the Chipolte, as

SOME Crewbies love Mexican food.

Saturday morning. Brad Welling, M.D., Ph.D. of Ohio State University spoke to the group. He is Chair and Professor of the Dept. of Otolaryngology – Head and Neck Surgery.

We had a rough form of captioning this year, but hope to do better in the future! Some of the topics Dr. Welling covered included early detection of vestibular schwannomas, resulting in better treatment options. He talked about a cochlear implant that may be available to SOME patients, and also the ABI (auditory brainstem implement)..

Some of the drugs Dr. Welling commented on were Sorafenib, Lapatinab, Avastatin, Tarceva, and Propolis Extract. No drug has yet been approved for NF2. He discussed radiation, with the comment that it is questionable in children, because of long term effects.

The balance of the day was "do your own thing" – and that ranged from a captioned movie to the Harley Davidson museum, to the OSU football game. This year it was decided to have a catered dinner in the conference room as opposed to the group going out. This turned out to be a huge success.

After dinner was Rachele's Prize Extravaganza. Lots of beach-themed prizes were awarded, followed by non alcoholic daiquiris. There was lots of fun and laughter.

On Sunday morning there was a short and meaningful devotional. We were reminded that while NF2 does take things away from us, the most meaningful things are still intact and cannot be taken from us. We then said our good byes and exchanged MANY hugs. One of the "newbies" said he had never experienced so much love. And that is what the Ohio Gathering is all about!

NF2 Action Team (NF 2 ACT) Initial Meeting February 7

Do you or someone you know want to make a difference in the NF2 cause and the NF2 community? Then consider joining our newly forming NF2 committee.

This committee will guide NF, Inc. Midwest in NF2 related activities, events, research and support. Our initial meeting is set for Saturday, February 7th at 12:00 Noon. We will be meeting at our office at 145 S Main, Lombard, Illinois. Though you may have missed this meeting do to the timing of our newsletter, if you are interested in making a commitment to the cause and the group, please let us know. In the future, we hope to set-up a way to communicate and meet online.

Please, let us know of your interest by calling 630.932.8111 or sending an email to nf2@nfmidwest.org.

Community Fundraising

Consider a community or family fundraiser to raise funds and awareness for the NF cause. Community/Family Fundraisers are events that are put on by NF Midwest members or their friends and family to benefit NF research or support various programs. Often these are in honor of a loved one affected by NF or for a Great Steps team. They can be anything from a slightly time consuming event such as a golf outing to something simpler like a home party. No matter what the event, they are always fun and bring awareness to the NF cause! In the past couple of months we have received donations from the following Community/Family Fundraisers:

The **Scheidt Family** along with **Silpada Designs Jewelry** representative, **Janet Doyle**, donated proceeds of \$200 from a Silpada home party in honor of **Alex Scheidt**.

Lynn Wilson, a consultant for **Cabi Clothing** donated her commissions of \$350 from a Cabi Party in honor of **Nick Rokosz**.

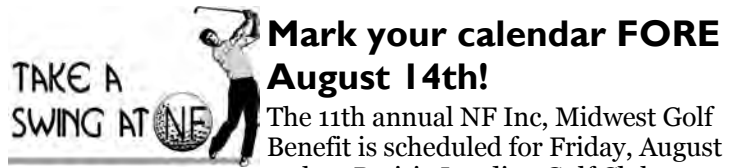
The **Panazzo Family** donated over \$4000 to NF, Inc. Midwest for neurofibromatosis research. The funds were raised from their yearly **Smiles for Sarah Fun Walk** in Oak Forest on October 12th. The Panazzo's formed this wonderful event in honor of their 9 year old daughter, **Sarah**.

Giovan's Restaurant and Pizzeria in Crest Hill held their **3rd annual Ravioli Eating Contest** to benefit Neurofibromatosis, Inc. Midwest. This was an awesome, unique and loving experience. Giovan's created this wonderful fundraiser in honor of a very special customer, **Angel Szoldatits**, who has NF Type 2. Thank you to Angel's parents **Ken and JoAnne Kottke**, and to the owners of Giovan's, **Giovan Cullotta and Vicki Schultz**, for their care, generosity and hard work. Keep an eye out for next year's event—the ravioli is DELICIOUS and not to be missed!

If you are planning an event that can be attended by the community, let us know so that we can get the word out. If you'd like to hold event and need some ideas or help, give us a call at 630.932.8111 and we'll get you started.



Angel Szoldatits and her husband, Jim, congratulate the winner of Giovan's Ravioli Eating Contest.



The 11th annual NF Inc, Midwest Golf Benefit is scheduled for Friday, August 14th at Prairie Landing Golf Club, 2325 Longest Drive in West Chicago, IL. This year's start time will be in the morning. Please, check out www.nfmidwest.org for updates. We need golfers, sponsors and planners. Give us a call at 630.932.8111 if you'd like to help!

It was a beautiful, sunny day for golf at the August 2008 Golf Benefit for Neurofibromatosis.



Feeling Inspired? Participate in a RUN4NF Event this May!

Feel like making more of a difference in the fight against NF? Consider joining Run4NF in May 2009 at one of the various marathons being held around the country. Walk, run or join a relay team for a full or half marathon

as part of Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month. Help the NF cause by being seen and heard as we walk together in special NF tees—the more the merrier! You need no skills, except the passion to make a change and bring awareness to others about Neurofibromatosis.

To get involved, register at one of the marathon websites. (A complete list is available at www.run4nf.org, along with direct links to register.) Some of the towns we will be at are: Cincinnati, Eugene, Pittsburgh, Lake Wobegon, Cleveland, Delaware, Green Bay, Buffalo, Bayshore (Michigan), Madison, and San Diego. If you would like to do something local (or a smaller event, such as a 5K), contact us and we will help make that possible. There are also other ways to be involved. There is no dollar commitment in order to participate, but if you raise over \$500, your registration fee will be reimbursed. It is never too early to begin your fundraising!

Easily Donate Inkjet Cartridges, Laser Cartridges and Cell Phones

There are several ways to turn in those inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges and cell phones that you've collected for the NF cause.

1. Drop them off at the NF, Inc. Midwest office at 145 S Main in Lombard.
2. Drop them off at one of the Great Steps walks on June 6th in Naperville or June 20th in Effingham
3. If you have a minimum of 18 inkjet cartridges, 8 laser cartridges and/or 8 cell phones you can call and request a special prepaid, pre-addressed label. Then box the items attach the label and drop at a UPS location.
4. If you don't have boxes, you may request prepaid, pre-addressed boxes instead of labels.

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