
**The National Ataxia Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of persons affected
by ataxia through support, education, and research**

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Dear Friends of NAF,

This year a very talented young woman, Lealan D M LaRoche, won the NAF 2010 International Ataxia Awareness Day T-shirt contest with her outstanding theme "I Am The Strength Behind Ataxia."

Ataxia impacts all of us...persons with ataxia, family members, friends, and so many others. There is strength in numbers and we all have an opportunity to be the strength behind ataxia by supporting the important work of the National Ataxia Foundation through an annual membership contribution.

Serving Ataxia Families Since 1957

Membership support is key in NAF's ability to serve the ataxia community. Your membership brings ataxia families together to learn, share and network through the annual membership meetings, local NAF ataxia support group meetings, and NAF social networks. Since 1957, thousands of persons affected by ataxia and their families have been positively impacted by these programs.

Bringing Together World Leading Ataxia Researchers

Your membership support brings together researchers from around the world to share their latest ataxia research findings through the NAF Ataxia Investigators Meetings (AIM). In 2010 over 100 top ataxia researchers from 12 countries attended the AIM to report on their cutting edge ataxia research in helping to accelerate world-wide ataxia research.

World-Leader In Ataxia Information

Membership support helps NAF publish and distribute publications, including NAF's quarterly newsletter "Generations". Membership dues assist in maintaining and updating our web site, www.ataxia.org and in attending medical conferences and Abilities Expos. Membership contributions allow NAF to provide current and accurate information on ataxia to those affected by ataxia, ataxia families, caregivers, the medical community, and the public.

Be The Strength

You are the strength behind ataxia through your volunteer efforts, letting people know about ataxia, getting involved with a local ataxia support group, conducting an NAF fund raiser, and through your NAF membership support. Be the strength behind ataxia and become a NAF member today by mailing your donation in the enclosed membership envelop or make an on-line donation at www.ataxia.org. Thank you.

Best regards,



DeNiece Roach, President

PS If you have recently become a new or renewing member of NAF, thank you for making a difference. Please share this letter with others to encourage their support of NAF. Thank you.