

# National Ataxia Foundation



**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 the National Ataxia Foundation,

The 2009 NAF Annual Membership Drive has begun and your help is needed. Your NAF membership is vital in supporting the important work of the National Ataxia Foundation. Become a member today!

NAF has been serving ataxia families since 1957. Membership support enables the Foundation to provide important programs and services for the ataxia community. Without your membership support, NAF's ability to provide these services is greatly impacted. Here are just few ways in which your membership dollars are working:

Your membership brings ataxia families together to learn, share and network through the Annual Membership Meeting and local support group meetings. In 2010 NAF will hold its 53rd Annual Membership Meeting. Over these many years, thousands of persons affected by ataxia have been positively impacted by these valuable meetings.

Your membership support brings researchers together from around the world to exchange and share cutting-edge ataxia research, encourage research cooperation and collaboration which will accelerate world-wide ataxia research through the NAF Ataxia Investigators Meetings.

Membership enables the Foundation to develop and distribute various publications, including NAF's quarterly news publication Generations. Membership also helps in maintaining and updating our web site, [www.ataxia.org](http://www.ataxia.org). NAF is a world-leader in ataxia information because of your membership support.

Membership support allows NAF to attend medical conferences and Abilities Expos throughout the year. These venues allow NAF to raise ataxia awareness and provide current and accurate information on ataxia to those affected by ataxia, ataxia families, caregivers, the medical community, and the public.

In 2009 NAF received its fifth consecutive 4-Star Rating out of a possible 4-Star by Charity Navigator, America's largest independent evaluator of charities. Only 3% of all organizations reviewed by Charity Navigator have received five or more consecutive 4-Star Ratings. This rating indicates that NAF consistently provides sound management and solid fiscal responsibility. You can trust that your membership dollars are being used in a prudent and meaningful way.

Being a current member entitles you to an annual subscription of Generations, and registration discounts for the Annual Membership Meeting. Most importantly, membership provides help and hope to ataxia families.

Please become a NAF member or renew your annual membership today to help support these and other important programs. Enclosed, please find a NAF membership envelope for your convenience or you may choose to become a member online at [www.ataxia.org](http://www.ataxia.org). "Together, Making a Difference"

Best regards,

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President

P.S. If you are currently a member of NAF please encourage others to join or consider making an additional contribution.  
Thank you for making a difference.

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