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CENTRAL OHIO CHAPTER

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A Message From Your Coordinator

Happy New Year to my PKD family! 2009 proved to be a very active and successful year for the Central Ohio Chapter. We participated in several new educational and health events throughout the area including Community Day at OSU East and the 2009 Kidney Conference. We hosted a "Cocktails at the Franklin Park Conservatory" event which featured a PKD-tini with all proceeds going to the PKD Foundation. Most recently we held the annual Chapter Holiday Party to celebrate all of our successes. Close to \$200 was raised at the holiday party from donations collected. All of this was in addition to attending the 2009 National Convention on PKD, United on the Hill and the annual Central Ohio Walk for PKD. For the first time ever, we have established Chapter Teams with strong team leaders. I want to thank Missy Dearing - Walk Coordinator, Becca Thomas - Media Team Leader, Mara Weber - Advocacy Leader and Champion, Teresa Jacott - Volunteer Team Leader, Melissa Wallace - Fundraising Team Leader, Christopher Ludlow - Online Leader along with Donna Cunningham - Chapter Mom and the many members of the Walk for PKD Committee for strengthening the backbone of our chapter. These volunteers represent HUGE growth for our local group! We have all become a family while working hard to spread the word and raise funds for PKD research and education. As we are already scheduling and planning events for 2010 and beyond, I encourage you to join us in our monthly chapter meetings. An updated calendar of events can always be seen on our webpage: www.pkdcure.org/centralohiochapter and you can follow us on Facebook, Twitter and YouTube! Our Online Leader has left no stone unturned and created a huge presence on the web highlighting the Central Ohio Chapter. Check it out and then come check us out! We can't wait to meet you.

We will continue until our Vision that "No one suffers the full effects of PKD" is accomplished.

- Jared Cunningham, Central Ohio Chapter Coordinator

The PKD Foundation Receives Highest Ratings

Charity Navigator, America's largest evaluator of non-profit organizations, recently gave the PKD Foundation its 4 Star (highest) rating for efficiency. They wrote... **"Only 12% of the charities we rate have received at least 3 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that the PKD Foundation consistently executes its mission in a fiscally-responsible way, and outperforms most other charities in America. This "exceptional" designation from Charity Navigator differentiates the PKD Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."**

Stay Informed Through Email, our Website & Facebook!

With the rising costs of printing and postage, the Central Ohio Chapter now does most of its communication through email and the Chapter website: www.pkdcure.org/centralohiochapter. You can also join us on

Facebook at Central Ohio Chapter of The PKD Foundation.

To be sure you don't miss out on the latest information, email CentralOhioChapter@pkdcure.org and ask to be added to the email list. Don't forget to contact us when your email address changes. If you thought you were on the list, but haven't received an email for some time, check your spam controls, or ask to be put on the list again. Be sure to include your complete name and address, or we will not be able to update your records, or add you to the database.

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Now More Than Ever...

Since the Chapter movement began as a grass roots effort in the 1980s, we have had a tremendous impact on our mission to find a treatment and cure for PKD, and improve the lives of PKD patients and their families. Over the years, an army of people across the country have contributed ideas, skills, time, energy, and dollars to make the world a better place for themselves, their families, and the 12.5 million PKD patients worldwide.

Our dollars have fueled research, taking us from the identification of the PKD gene in 1994 to the first clinical trial in humans a mere ten years later. Today, only five years after 12 people participated in that first clinical trial, there are too many clinical trials taking place to refer to them by name. Instead, we now talk about the five different, potential treatments for PKD being tested worldwide.

While research may be the most important thing we have focused on, it is not the only place we have grown. Because of the knowledge we've gained and a desire to make sure each person has the latest information, PKD patient education is more important now than ever before in our history. The past few years have also shown incredible success in government advocacy, as evidenced in the passing of G.I.N.A. (The Genetic Information Non-discrimination Act) and raising federal PKD research dollars by the millions.

The driving force behind so much of this success has been the involvement of thousands of individuals across the country through local PKD Foundation Chapters. As well as the great strides made by all chapters, the reason so many of your dollars go directly to where they can do the most good is that all PKD Foundation Chapters, including the Central Ohio Chapter, continue to be organized and completely run by volunteers.

For as much we have accomplished together, we cannot sit back now and let someone else finish the job. As we continue to move toward our goals, now, more than ever, it's time to make sure we are each committed to finding a treatment and cure for PKD. The perfect place to find opportunities and ideas to grow your commitment, and insure no one suffers the full effects of PKD, is your local Chapter. The Central Ohio Chapter is where your PKD Community lives and breathes. It is where you can find meetings and events that educate, offer support, raise awareness and give you a voice in your future. The Chapter is where you and your family can connect with other members of the PKD Community, share information and work together toward a common goal. You can also learn how easy it is to be involved in government advocacy and make an impact on a national level. Since the scope and success of PKD Foundation Chapters, including our chapter, is totally dependent on your involvement, the Central Ohio Chapter also gives you the opportunity to use your ideas, skills, and talents to shape the chapter, or simply help on events big and small. Staying connected and involved with our chapter is easier than ever, through e-mail, www.pkdcure.org/centralohiochapter and now on Face Book, www.Twitter.com/PKDCentralOhio, and www.YouTube.com/PKDCentralOhio. Simply e-mail us at centralohiochapter@pkdcure.org today, and say you want to make a difference. As we push harder and harder toward our goal, now, more than ever, you can help change the PKD world.



2010 National Convention on PKD

Please join us August 6-8, 2010 in Sunny San Diego for the 2010 National Convention on PKD! The Convention will be held at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina. Online registration will open on March first. Mark your calendars now for this unique educational and social opportunity!

A New Year and a New Location

In February, the PKD Foundation National Office's current building lease will expire and, in order to serve you better, we will be moving. The move comes at the perfect time as we have outgrown our current space. We are staying in Kansas City and are actually just moving down the street. Our new space will provide more room to operate and will allow us to grow as we develop new programs to better serve and support you and all PKD patients worldwide.

Don't worry. The move will not effect the daily operations of the PKD Foundation. Our new address will be 8330 Ward Parkway, 5th Floor, Kansas City, MO 64114 and we are currently in the process of putting our new address on all our printed materials. If you have any questions about the move, please email us at pkdcure@pkdcure.org.

Central Ohio Chapter Calendar of Events

For additional information on our events and upcoming Chapter meetings, please visit our website at www.pkdcure.org/CentralOhioChapter. You can also join us on Facebook at Central Ohio Chapter of the PKD Foundation.

February 24, 2010

Chapter Meeting

March 2010

National Kidney Month

March 24, 2010

Chapter Meeting

April 28, 2010

Chapter Meeting

May 4-5, 2010

2010 Kidney Conference

Quest Business & Conference Center

May 26, 2010

Chapter Meeting

June 23, 2010

Chapter Meeting

July 28, 2010

Chapter Meeting

August 6-8, 2010

National Convention on PKD

San Diego, CA

August 25, 2010

Chapter Meeting

Fall 2010

Walk for PKD

September 22, 2010

Chapter Meeting

October 27, 2010

Chapter Meeting

November 24, 2010

Chapter Meeting

December 22, 2010

Chapter Meeting

All of our Chapter meetings are held at OSU East in the Pathology Conference Room located at 1492 E. Broad Street in Columbus, OH 43205 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm.



The Walk for PKD...So Much To Celebrate!

Thank you to the 11,000+ participants who boldly stood up, stepped out and Walked for PKD this year in one of the 54 events that took place in 29 states. By sharing your stories and reaching out to friends, family, neighbors, co-workers and businesses, you have strengthened the PKD army in the fight for a treatment and a cure! Nationally we have raised more than 2.4 million – funds that will help fuel cutting-edge research (4 therapies in clinical trials and counting), extraordinary patient education (webinars you can engage in from the comfort of your home), life-changing advocacy efforts (lobbying the government to support the Immunosuppressive Drug Coverage for Kidney Transplant Patients) and more! Your passion is making progress possible... and this is why we walk.

A word from your local Walk for PKD coordinator...

I'm thrilled to report that the Central Ohio Walk for PKD had more than 200 participants come out to Wolfe Park on September 13th and raised more than \$24,000. I would like to give a special thanks to our top individual fundraisers Scott McHugh, Marlene Yeldell, Wendy McHugh and teams Emma's Extreme Team, Team Yeldell and Team Colopy for their tremendous dedication to make a difference. I also want to thank top sponsor Gordon Flesch whose generous support helped underwrite our event expenses to allow more of the funds raised to directly support the PKD Foundation mission. Thanks also to The Ohio Roller Girls for advertising our event at their bouts and leading the Walk for PKD in their skates. How could any of us forget the Captive Born Reptiles and the melodies of Bob Skidmore. Finally, I want to thank each of the volunteers who dedicated their time & talent on Walk Day and throughout the year to help make the Central Ohio Walk for PKD such a success – you are truly appreciated!

- Missy Dearing, centralohiowalk@pkdcure.org
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