



Niemann-Pick^e•NEWS

*Holiday Greetings from the
National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation
Warm Wishes for a Wonderful 2012!*



As 2011 comes to an end, we at the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation give thanks for people like you who are so vital to fulfilling our mission. Thank you for being an integral part of our efforts to provide support services to families affected by Niemann-Pick Disease and to advance research into treatments and a cure!

Next year the NNPDF will mark its 20th Anniversary – twenty years during which we have seen our membership grow from the six founding families to over 400 families, a number which continues to climb weekly. Heightened awareness of NPD among medical professionals, along with the availability of information on the Internet, are likely increasing the number of diagnoses and helping families connect with the foundation and its network of experts and families.

Each new diagnosis is heartbreaking, and the foundation is committed to “being there” for every family who needs emotional support and accurate, up-to-date information as they travel this most unwelcome journey that is Niemann-Pick Disease. We are able to do this thanks to grassroots fundraisers in the communities of our member families and charitable contributions from individuals like you.

We’d like to humbly remind all our generous supporters that a year-end gift to the NNPDF can reduce one’s income tax obligation, while providing meaningful support for the work of the foundation and offering the gift of hope for all those suffering from Niemann-Pick Disease. If you’d like to designate your gift in honor of a loved one, the NNPDF will gladly send out a card to the honoree acknowledging your thoughtful gift.

The NNPDF gratefully accepts direct financial donations, United Way and Combined Federal Campaign contributions, gifts of stock, in-kind donations, and planned gifts such as bequests, beneficiary designations, or life insurance policies. Please visit our Web site for more information about these [philanthropic year-end gift ideas](#). As always, we invite you to [contact us](#) with any questions.

With deepest gratitude, we thank you for your continued support, and we send our most sincere wishes to you and your family for a wonderful holiday season and a healthy, happy New Year!



2012 Events NNPDF Annual Meeting and Family Conference

The 2012 Annual Meeting of the National Niemann-Pick Disease Foundation will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, from Friday, February 10 - Sunday, February 12. The Foundation's annual board meetings are open to all members of the NNPDF. Please contact the [NNPDF Central Office](#) if you are interested in attending.

The 20th Annual NNPDF Family Support and Medical Conference is in the planning stages! The Family Conference offers families affected by NPD the opportunity to meet with the top clinical experts and researchers and to interact with other families dealing with the challenges of the disease. The conference will be held in Nashville, Tennessee, over a weekend in late July or early August. Watch the NNPDF Web site (www.nnpdf.org), Facebook page and blog for the announcement of the site and dates this spring.



Clinical Trial Updates Enzyme Replacement Therapy and Cyclodextrin

With an ultimate goal of finding effective treatments and a cure for Niemann-Pick Disease (NPD) of all types, we get very excited when researchers identify potential medications to bring to clinical trial!

With Phase 1 completed, Genzyme remains committed to its efforts to advance the enzyme replacement therapy trial to Phase 2 for our NPD Type B patients, and the anticipation of our NPD Type C families grows as plans for the NIH's clinical trial of cyclodextrin take shape.

Read more about these exciting developments on our [Latest Research page](#). We thank you for your generous support of the essential NPD research that has paved the way!

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Thank you for your continued support in the fight against Niemann-Pick Disease!
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