

# TOP TEN THE TRANSVERSE MYELITIS ASSOCIATION ACHIEVEMENTS IN 2014

... where your dollars and participation made it possible to fulfill our mission to support and advocate for individuals and their families diagnosed with rare neuro-immune disorders by promoting awareness through education; fostering clinician scientists dedicated to these rare diseases and supporting basic science and clinical research.



## 1 JAMES T. LUBIN FELLOWSHIP

DR. ALLEN DESENA, THE FIRST TMA FUNDED FELLOW, JOINS THE FACULTY AT CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER IN OHIO TO LAUNCH A RARE NEURO-IMMUNE DISEASES PROGRAM



## 2 TMA ANNUAL FAMILY CAMP

36 FAMILIES FROM THE US, NORWAY, CHINA, AUSTRALIA JOINED A DISTINGUISHED PANEL OF MEDICAL EXPERTS FOR A LIFE CHANGING, UNIQUE EXPERIENCE



## 3 NEWS & EDUCATION UPDATES

BLOGS AND PUBLICATIONS ARE EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY TOOLS THAT HAVE A READERSHIP OF OVER 10,700 MEMBERS WORLDWIDE



## 4 CAPTURE RESEARCH STUDY

WE LAUNCHED THE FIRST MULTI-CENTER, PEDIATRIC TRANSVERSE MYELITIS OUTCOMES STUDY LED BY UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS SOUTHWESTERN IN DALLAS AND FUNDED BY PCORI



## 5 ASK THE EXPERT PODCAST

PROVIDES UNIQUE ACCESS TO PHYSICIAN EXPERTS WHO ANSWER QUESTIONS FROM THE COMMUNITY AND DISCUSS TIMELY ISSUES AND TOPICS



## 6 ONLINE HEALTH FORUM

LAUNCHED PARTNERSHIP WITH SMART PATIENTS, AN ONLINE HEALTH COMMUNITY PLATFORM TO CREATE MORE EFFECTIVE ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TO EXTEND THESE RESOURCES TO AN EVEN BROADER GROUP OF PATIENTS



## 7 CHIPPIN' IN AGAINST TM

THE FIRST TMA GOLF OUTING WAS HELD IN COLUMBUS, OHIO TO RAISE AWARENESS AND TO SUPPORT TMA'S RESEARCH MISSION



## 8 TMA WALK-RUN-N-ROLL

AWARENESS EVENTS WERE ORGANIZED BY VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY LEADERS IN SIX CITIES IN NEW JERSEY, MARYLAND, WISCONSIN, TEXAS, ILLINOIS AND FLORIDA!



## 9 INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIP

WITH CONSANO, "UTILIZING BRAIN IMAGING TO UNDERSTAND COGNITIVE DYSFUNCTION IN TRANSVERSE MYELITIS" WAS SELECTED AS THE FIRST RESEARCH PROJECT TO BRING TO "THE CROWD" FOR FUNDING



## 10 SUPPORT AND ADVOCACY

WE PERSONALLY CONNECT WITH OVER 1,200 INDIVIDUALS EVERY YEAR TO HELP THEM UNDERSTAND THEIR DIAGNOSIS, REFER THEM TO PHYSICIAN EXPERTS AND OTHER MEMBERS AND ANSWER THEIR QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE RARE NEURO-IMMUNE DISEASES. OUR GOAL IS TO OFFER A BETTER CHANCE AT RECOVERY AND AN ENHANCED QUALITY OF LIFE!



FULL TIME PEDIATRIC PROGRAM MANAGER JOINS THE TMA STAFF

LIKE WHAT YOU SEE OR HAVE AN IDEA FOR 2015? LET US KNOW AT [INFO@MYELITIS.ORG](mailto:info@myelitis.org)!