

CHARGE Accounts

*The latest news, events, and announcements from
The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation*

Upcoming Events

5/14/2022
Walk and Roll for
CHARGE

5/19/2022
Ask the Expert with
Lily Slavin

7/8/2022
Cincinnati
Children's CHARGE
Conference

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President's Message - A New Beginning

Spring is often considered to be the season of new beginnings and the Foundation is about to embark on a very exciting “new beginning.” It is the start of positive change, growth and renewed energy.

We have hired our first full-time Executive Director!

Please join us in welcoming Lisa Cunningham.

[Click here](#) to watch a brief video from David Wolfe, President, and Lisa Cunningham, Executive Director.

Lisa Cunningham is an experienced and collaborative leader in the nonprofit sector. She is driven by a strong passion for strategic collaboration, targeted outreach and equitable service provision. As Executive Director of the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Lisa will provide leadership for the growing Foundation as it serves individuals with CHARGE Syndrome, their families and the professionals who support them.

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A New Beginning (Cont.)

Prior to joining the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, Lisa worked as Executive Director of the San Antonio Education Partnership and the Bexar County Family Justice Center Foundation. In total, Lisa has a combined 20 years of leadership, business and nonprofit experience.

Lisa holds multiple nonprofit certifications, including the San Antonio Area Foundation's Values Based Leadership certification, a Graduate Certificate in Nonprofit Administration and Leadership from the University of Texas at San Antonio, as well as certificates from Our Lady of the Lake University in Nonprofit Leadership, Fundraising, and Grant Writing. She holds Master's and Bachelor's degrees from the University of Texas at San Antonio, where she also earned a Graduate Certification in Nonprofit Finance.

Lisa serves on several professional councils, including her alma mater's Alumni Leadership Advisory Council and the United Way's Early Childhood Issue Council.

She lives on a farm in Kansas with her husband, Ethan, and has two daughters, Maddie and Haley.



Walk and Roll For CHARGE

With less than TWO WEEKS left until Walk and Roll for CHARGE, we are making great progress towards our fundraising goals.

Thank you to everyone who has raised money so far. A special shoutout to our top teams and fundraisers, we appreciate all your efforts to help raise money for this event!

TOP TEAMS

NY CHARGE families

Team Michigan!

Sienna Strong

Team Beach Chargers

Iowa

TOP FUNDRAISERS

Christina Fox

Minnie Lambert

Vincent Perez-Armenta

Alexis Ramirez

Rosie Rodas

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Walk and Roll for CHARGE (Cont.)

Already a fundraiser? [Click here](#) to log in to your fundraising page.

Need help reaching your fundraising goals? [Click here](#) to learn how to link your fundraiser to Facebook!

There's still time to register - [click here](#) to sign up today!



Don't forget to download your "My Reason Why" sign and share the reason #WalkandRoll4CHARGE is important to you!

Crocker Barker Sibling Scholarship

Siblings of individuals with CHARGE are lifelong champions and significant supporters of their brothers and sisters. We want to recognize these siblings by providing an opportunity for them to continue their education post high school.

The Crocker Barker CHARGE Sibling Scholarship was created, thanks to a generous donation from the Barker Family, to help siblings of individuals with CHARGE syndrome attend post high school education - including trade school, community college, or university.



Scholarship awards start at \$2,000 and are given based on demonstrated financial need. This award is payable to the post-secondary educational institution of the recipient's choice.

[Click here](#) for the full list of requirements, terms of the scholarship, and to apply online.

Online applications require a Google account. For a hard copy application, [click here](#).

Deadline is June 15, 2022.

Ask the Expert

Last month, we spoke with Dr. Brittany Simpson, MD, Assistant Professor, Clinical Geneticist at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Center.

[Click here](#) to watch the recording.



Thursday, May 19, 7:00 PM ET, we will be having a conversation with Lily Slavin.

Lily is a 5th year doctoral candidate in the school psychology PhD program at Central Michigan University. She has been a member of the CHARGE syndrome research lab at CMU since 2016, where she has conducted research on the educational experiences of students with CHARGE with Dr. Tim Hartshorne. She developed the Educational Checklist for students with CHARGE, which outlines common educational needs of students with CHARGE and ways school teams can begin to address these needs at school. Email questions that you would like to have answered during this talk to torrie@CHARGEsyndrome.org. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.



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