

CHARGE Accounts

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

Upcoming Events

9/7/2022

**Grief Support for
Families of Children
with DeafBlindness**

9/18/2022

**Adults with CHARGE
Virtual Social - Register**

9/18/2022

**2022 Conference
Scarlett's Park:
Presentation on Deaf
and Hard of Hearing
Children with CHARGE
syndrome**

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Conference 2023

Conference Planning Kickoff

In July, our Board and Staff met in Boston to begin work on the 15th International CHARGE Syndrome Conference which will take place July 20-23, 2023 in Orlando, FL.

We are so excited to finally be able to meet in person again and have a lot of exciting events and activities planned for individuals with CHARGE, their families, and the professionals in the CHARGE community!

Next year's Conference will also fall during a year of celebration for the Foundation's 30th Anniversary. We look forward to sharing with you a look back to our early days, a celebration of how far we have come, and the excitement for our very bright future ahead!

Conference Hotel Registration is Now Open!

You are now able to reserve your hotel room at Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL for the 15th International CHARGE Syndrome Conference.

Hotel Rooms are \$169 per night + tax for a standard room with 2 queen beds that will sleep up to 4 people. For special requests or suite upgrades please [click here](#).

If you have any additional questions please [email Neal Stanger](#).

[Click here to reserve.](#)

Conference registration will begin early next Spring!



Conference Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsorship opportunities are now available for the 15th Annual International CHARGE Syndrome Conference.

Sponsorship benefits differ by level and can include such items as stage signage, logo on Conference bags, exhibitor spaces, tickets to the Donor Reception, and much more.

[Click here](#) to see the full benefits by level.

Custom sponsorships are also available.

Email info@CHARGEsyndrome.org for more information and to become a sponsor!



Crocker Barker Sibling Scholarship

We wish all of the applicants and recipients the best of luck as they continue their education!

Profiles in CHARGE - Rafael's Story

Rafael Garrigos has been creating art since Disney released *The Lion King* in 1994. “My expressiveness goes back and forth between the visual arts and creative writing,” he says. “The feeling of accomplishing something and looking back on my progress inspired me to get back into what I love to do (writing and drawing).”

Rafael describes his art as an ongoing journey to discover the main subjects that interest him to draw with consistency. Rafael draws both real and fictional subjects, mainly working in pen, ink, colored pencils, markers, and digital.

“I find inspiration in my personal experiences, stories, music, and films,” he says. “Even when I don't feel the inspiration coming, I doodle in my sketchbook with the thought that something will come.”

Rafael lists Da Vinci, Michelangelo, Picasso, Dali, and van Gogh as his favorite artists, observing that Da Vinci was more than an artist. He was a mathematician, scientist, inventor, and writer. “That encourages me to still pursue my love for creative writing as a bilingual writer,” Rafael notes.

“I have CHARGE, but it is not the end of the story because I march to the beat of my own drum,” Rafael says. “In a world full of possibilities, your imagination is your own limit. Be bold, and experiment with everything else until you find your own verse. In the movie *Dead Poets Society*,” Robin Williams said, “The powerful play goes on, and you may contribute to a verse. What will your verse be?”

Rafael’s long-term goal is to become a freelance illustrator and comic artist. You can see more of Rafael’s art on his blog at <https://rafaartstudio.wordpress.com/>. You can also follow him on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).



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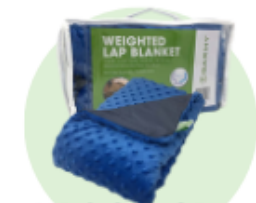
First/Last Day of School Signs



Bento Box



Visual Timer



Weighted Lap Blanket

Do you have a story, event, or news item that you would like to have included in the CHARGE Accounts newsletter? Send submissions for review to torrie@CHARGEsyndrome.org