

# CHARGE Accounts

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

## Upcoming Events

**10/23/2022**  
**Adults with CHARGE**  
**Virtual Social - Register**

**10/25/2022**  
**Parent-to-Parent**  
**Support Meeting -**  
**Western Region**

**10/26/2022**  
**Grief Support for**  
**Families of Children**  
**with DeafBlindness**

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## A Day to Remember 2022

Last month, we took a Day to Remember those individuals with CHARGE who have passed away, by performing acts of kindness in our communities.

On September 21, we asked everyone to perform an act of kindness and share it with us on social media using #ADayToRemember.

We saw park cleanups, food and book donations, charitable contributions, volunteer work, surprise gifts, connections with friends, and more. We loved seeing your photos of joy, remembrance, and kindness!

[Click here](#) to watch our video with all the acts of kindness that were shared.

# \$30 for 30!

Members are the lifeblood of the Foundation. In 2023, the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation will celebrate our 30th Anniversary. [Click here](#) to show your support for 30 years of the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation's programs by joining the Foundation today!

Your \$30 annual membership will help the Foundation continue to provide the CHARGE community with groundbreaking research, critical outreach, and essential programs that help make the world a better place for individuals with CHARGE syndrome.

Membership benefits include:

- Eligibility for the Ethan Wolfe Recreational Assistance Program (EWRAP)
- Priority signup for sibshops at conference
- Eligible for conference scholarship
- First access to webinars
- Priority notification of research studies
- Lifetime members receive membership pins

By becoming a Lifetime Member you will also receive a discount on Conference registrations. The 15th International CHARGE Syndrome Conference will take place July 20-23, 2023 in Orlando, FL. Please [click here](#) for more information about Conference.

"We chose to become Lifetime members because we are so grateful for the information, support, and connections available through the Foundation. CHARGE syndrome will affect our son throughout his life, and we know that the Foundation will be there with the resources we'll need to navigate each stage."

-Peter and Amy Bucklin

*Annual and lifetime memberships include any spouse or partner and any minor child age 24 years and under living in the same household. Join as an Annual Member between now and the end of the year, your membership is valid through December 31, 2023.*



# Profiles in CHARGE - Gabi's Story

Twelve-year-old Gabriela (Gabi) Gavarret's love of horses has always been therapeutic for her. She started riding horses when she was three years old in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and started walking a few months later.

"I truly believe that the therapeutic horseback riding was essential to help Gabi strengthen her core and balance so she could start walking by herself when she was three years old," says her mother, Marina. "It made all the difference."

Today, Gabi rides at a therapeutic horseback riding center near her home in Kentucky, where she also participates in a program that helps children build literacy skills by reading books to therapy horses. She's been attending the center since 2019.

You can read more about Gabi in [this recent news article](#).



## CHARGE for Connor Annual Birthday Event

On October 1, 2022 in Loveland, OH, CHARGE for Connor hosted their annual fundraiser to celebrate Connor's 10th Birthday in heaven! The event had something for everyone to enjoy: cornhole and volleyball tournaments, food, drinks, music, amazing raffles, great silent auction items, memorial balloon launch, and much more.



Connor Michael Logsdon was born on September 29, 2012 and gained his angel wings to head to heaven on January 10, 2014. CHARGE for Connor is a nonprofit organization formed in his memory with the mission of bettering the CHARGE syndrome community.

This year, with the proceeds from their annual birthday event, they were able to make donations of \$10,000 to both the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation, and the Cincinnati Children's Hospital. We are so grateful for the generosity of this incredible group!

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](mailto:torrie@CHARGEsyndrome.org)