## **CHARGE Accounts**

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

#### Upcoming Events

3/13/2023 Ask the Expert Webinar - All About Conference

3/18/2023 Birth to Age 3 Parent-to -Parent Support Group

3/19/2023 Adults with CHARGE Virtual Social - <u>Email to Register</u>

3/28/2023
<u>Parent-to-Parent Support</u>
<u>Meeting - Western Region</u>

5/13/2023 4th Annual Walk and Roll for CHARGE

### The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation

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# Conference Registration is Now Open!

Registration is now open for the 15th International CHARGE Syndrome Conference! Join us in Orlando, Florida July 20-23 for the largest worldwide gathering



of individuals with CHARGE, their families, professionals, and experts on CHARGE syndrome.

Past attendees have compared Conference to a family reunion, a life-changing experience, and equated it to coming home...and after 4 long years we are ready to be together again! At Conference, your family will get to share experiences, learn from one another, make lifelong friendships, experience a sense of belonging unlike any other, and hear from the world's top experts in CHARGE syndrome. You don't want to miss it!

<u>Click here</u> to register now.

<u>Click here</u> to read more about all the exciting Conference events including information about how to apply for scholarships and earn free Conference registrations through our fundraising incentive program

#### **Conference Breakout Sessions**

This year's program features a wide variety of expert-lead sessions on medical issues, IEP and school support, adult concerns, sensory processing, transition, family support, deaf-blindness, communication, genetics, and more! There will be something for everyone!

The program agenda will be available in the spring and the official Conference app will be available for download in early July.

#### **Professional Day**

Professional Day will take place all day on Thursday, July 20th. This is an opportunity for professionals working in the field of CHARGE to share research findings, discuss advancements in medical and clinical projects, collaborate and learn from each other. Presentations will be more technical in nature.

Families are welcome to attend, but childcare is not available and there will not be an opportunity to take participant questions. An additional registration fee is required to attend.

#### **Early Bird Prizes**



**Register** and pay early for a chance to win a prize!

Everyone who registers and pays for Conference by April 1 will be entered into a drawing:

- 1st prize 2 attendees will win 1 night standard room at the Conference hotel
- 2nd prize 2 attendees will win \$50 worth of raffle tickets to our basket auction

#### **Attend Conference for FREE!**

Don't Miss Your Chance to Attend the 15th
International CHARGE Syndrome Foundation
Conference for FREE! There are only 4 weeks left to
earn a free Conference registration by raising
money for the CHARGE Syndrome Foundation
through our Charge it for CHARGE Campaign!

<u>Click here</u> to start fundraising.



Earn one free Conference registration for every \$3,000 raised thru April 1, 2023.\*

\*Does not include Professional Day. Limit 4 registrations. If not needed, your free registrations can be donated to the Conference Scholarship Fund

#### Make a Difference - Volunteer at Conference

The CHARGE Syndrome Foundation is looking for volunteers with sign language skills to make camp accessible and fun for all!

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We welcome teachers, therapists, support staff, friends and family members with conversational to proficient ASL skills to assist in communication facilitation during camp.



Camp volunteers must be age 18 or older, submit to a background check, and commit to a four-hour volunteer shift. This will help maintain the safety of camp participants. Camp volunteers will be supervised by professional staff.

There are many other ways to volunteer at Conference! <u>CLICK HERE</u> to complete the interest form or email <u>penni@chargesyndrome.org</u>

CAMP VOLUNTER HOURS: Friday morning through noon Sunday WHERE: Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando, FL

#### **Auction and Raffle Items Needed**

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Our fun-filled auctions are always one of the highlights of the CHARGE Conference weekend festivities and once again, we will be having a Silent Auction, Basket Raffle, and door prizes to raise money for the Foundation.

We need donations of themed baskets with a value of at least \$50 (dinner and a movie, family movie night, day of beauty, sports



collectibles, kids games, coffee lovers, chocolate fanatics, wine aficionados, basket of items from your hometown or state). We also need additional higher ticket items such as sports tickets and memorabilia, timeshares or condos, fine jewelry, and electronics for the Silent Auction.

Please help us by soliciting local businesses, friends, family, and colleagues.

Click here for the <u>donation form</u> and <u>letter</u>. Contact <u>neal@chargesyndrome.org</u> for more information.

#### **Ask the Expert Webinar - All About** Conference

Are you wondering what Conference is all about?

What makes this a can't-miss opportunity for CHARGE families?

Join us as we discuss all the ins and outs of Conference! Learn what your family can expect, what sessions and events will be offered, ways you can fund your trip to Florida, even what you should pack!



Monday, March 13, 2023, 7:00 PM ET

Send your questions to <u>lilyslavin@gmail.com</u> prior to March 13 to have them answered during the webinar!

**CLICK HERE** to register.

#### Save the Date for the 4th Annual Walk and Roll

Whether you want to walk or run a 5K, take a stroll with a group of friends, or bike the neighborhood with family, the goal is the same: to be active while raising money and awareness for the Foundation. Gather with family and friends in your CHARGE community as the Foundation celebrates our 30th anniversary and our 4th Annual Walk and Roll for CHARGE! #WalkandRoll4CHARGE



Whether you walk, bike, roll, or stroll, our goal will always remain the same: A Better World for People with CHARGE Syndrome

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