Faces of CRPS

RSDSA ANNUAL REPORT
FY 2013
From our Presidents

Remembering the Past, Forging the Future – Envisioning a World Without CRPS

Last year was both a very challenging and exciting year for RSDSA. The increased number of events and your participation in them have helped improve the financial position of the organization as we enter a time of change and opportunity.

We are fortunate to follow in the footsteps of a President whose foresight, persistence and dedication is evidenced in the organization’s growth over the last 15 years. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to Paul Charlesworth for all that he has done for RSDSA.

With the hiring of a professional Development Director in May, we now have the ability to take our ambitions and turn them into actions over the next several years. The Bounty of Hope (one of our major funding raising events) will be expanded and a similar event (Taste of Hope) will take place on the west coast in the fall of 2014.

A key objective of RSDSA is for us to be the ‘go to’ organization for information and support for living with CRPS/RSD. A total redesign of our website is scheduled for the end of 2014. New search capabilities, on line medical documentation, support group contact information and schedule of events will be incorporated into this new communication tool.

A longtime vision of the Chairman of the Research Committee, Dr. Norm Harden, and a steadfast advisor to RSDSA, Dr. Gary Bennett, will become a reality in May 2014 when the foremost experts in CRPS from around the world will convene in Chicago. This is the first step towards establishing an International Research Consortium sponsored and funded by RSDSA. This newly formed Consortium will enable clinicians and researchers to share data and provide critical treatment information for their patients. It will also be used as the basis for a submission for a substantial five NIH year grant focused on CRPS in 2017.

Speaking for all the members of the RSDSA Board of Directors, we are poised and ready to meet the challenge of a great 2014. Your continued assistance is what makes us stronger and committed to our mission: To provide support, education and hope to everyone affected by the pain and disability of CRPS/RSD while we drive research to develop treatment and a cure.

Thank you and we look forward working with you for years to come.

Hank and Mary Beth Ludington
Our Mission
The mission of the RSDSA is to provide support, education and hope to everyone affected by the pain and disability of CRPS/RSD while we drive research to develop treatment and a cure.

Our Values
Our values guide everything we do at RSDSA:

COMMUNITY RSDSA is committed to developing and maintaining meaningful relationships with our patients, volunteers, supporters, and funders for the entire CRPS community. Our community embraces diversity and tolerance. We promote leadership and responsibility within the community as demonstrated through partnerships, opportunities and active involvement within the community at large.

RESPECT RSDSA respects every individual and their unique qualities and abilities. We will continue to honor the legacy of our founders by upholding their vision of a world without CRPS.

EXCELLENCE RSDSA provides the best possible education, support and information to our community. We strive to empower people with CRPS to take control of their lives and give researchers and physicians the resources necessary to develop innovative and effective treatments in the search for a cure.

REPUTATION RSDSA values our long legacy of providing services that change the lives of all those with CRPS. We continue to operate the organization with a commitment to integrity, honesty and accountability.

VISION
By the end of this decade, RSDSA will:

- Expand our organization to maximize our abilities to best serve our community, providing support for all people with CRPS.
- Continue to seek and actively pursue collaboration with the community, organizations and individuals to provide greater opportunities for people with CRPS.
- To be recognized as the leader in providing the best and most up to date information and support for people with CRPS.
- To be recognized as the leading CRPS support organization whose sound fiscal management and use of best practices promotes maximum growth for the future.
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2013 Highlights

- On April 29, 2013, we welcomed our new Director of Development Christine Homa. Christine is a Connecticut native who holds a law degree from Quinnipiac University. She brings with her 22 years of development and fundraising experience in nonprofit and political organizations.

- Thanks to the generosity of the Pentair Foundation, we have published the 4th edition of the CRPS: Practical Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines, edited by R. Norman Harden, MD, Director, Center for Pain Studies.

- RSDSA’s 8th annual Achilles Walk for Hope and Possibility was a tremendous success! With 133 “Team RSDSA” virtual walkers participating in 33 states and Canada, 475 on-site walkers in New York’s Central Park, and generous corporate supporters, the record-setting event helped raise over $120,000 for the RSDSA.

- Through the Patient Assistance Fund in Honor of Brad Jenkins, RSDSA provided funding in the amount of $10,252 to people with CRPS.

- RSDSA launched its new logo and tagline and revised our mission statement to more accurately represent the vision and values of the organization.

- RSDSA conducted two Integrated Solutions to CRPS conferences. In May we hosted more than 125 people in San Francisco, CA during a highly successful weekend. In September, RSDSA traveled to Fort Lauderdale, FL to hold a conference that reached more than 100 people.

- The Safeway Foundation provided a grant in the amount of $25,000 to establish a nationwide network of support for all affected by CRPS.

- RSDSA hired a coordinator to begin the formation of an International Research Consortium to improve and quicken research that will benefit people with CRPS. This coordinator will also help plan our first International Research Conference in May of 2014 in Chicago.

- The launch of the Community Update, the RSDSA electronic newsletter.
## Statement of Financial Position

**Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2013**

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