

## The Hemispherectomy Foundation Brain Matters Newsletter



, We Need Your Help! You have the Power to help, with just a small amount of time and a small pledge. Please take a minute to read this. YOU WILL CHANGE A LIFE!





## **Announcing The Hemispherectomy Foundation Medical Research Awards Fund**



- It is estimated that up to 50,000 deaths occur annually in the U.S. from status epilepticus (prolonged seizures), Sudden Unexplained Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP), and other seizure-related causes.
- Epilepsy impacts over 3 million Americans (more than Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Muscular Dystrophy, and Parkinson's disease combined).
- Historically, epilepsy research has been underfunded. Federal dollars spent on research pale in comparison to those spent on other diseases, many of which affect fewer people than epilepsy.

(source CURE: Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy)



The Hemispherectomy Foundation is dedicated to championing the cause of Medical Research, especially in areas that directly impact the families that we support...those impacted by Hemispherectomy brain surgery, where one-half of their brain is removed or disconnected to control epileptic seizures.

With this in mind, The Hemispherectomy Foundation is excited to announce the formation of The Hemispherectomy Foundation Medical Research











Awards. These Awards will be given annually to outstanding researchers who have shown a commitment to conducting medical research that is significant to the Hemispherectomy Community and those families that we serve. The Awards will be given to researchers in areas including, but not limited to:

- \* Physical Rehabilitation of the Hemiparetic Hand, Arm, Leg, Foot
- \* Gait and Walking Rehabilitation
- \* Cognitive Rehabilitation
- \* Hemimegalencephaly Research
- \* Cortical Dysplasia Research
- \* Research into Rasmussen's Encephalitis
- \* Pediatric Stroke Research
- \* Sturge-Weber Syndrome Research

This is where we need YOUR HELP, in supporting the initial endowment of The Hemispherectomy Foundation Medical Research Awards Fund. Our goal this year is \$50,000. Your support will CHANGE LIVES.

The amount of your donation is not important.

Please let us know, through your financial contribution, that you support The Hemispherectomy Foundation Medical Research Awards and what the Hemi Foundation is doing.

You can make a secure, on-line donation at www.HemiFoundation.org or send a check to :

The Hemi Foundation PO BOX 1239 Aledo, TX 76008.

All donations are 100% tax deductible. Remember to double your donation, if your company has a Matching Gifts Program!

Please consider supporting the Children of The Hemispherectomy Foundation with your donation today!

**God Bless You and Hope in One Hemisphere!** 

**Cris Hall, Co-Founder, The Hemispherectomy Foundation** 



and Jessie's Dad (Right Hemispherectomy in 2008)

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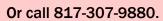






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