



Care4Dystonia, Inc.

## **A PERSONAL MESSAGE from BEKA:**

This is the first organization completely committed to “making a change” in the manner in which people with dystonia receive a diagnosis, care, support, education etc.

It is my hope that with the establishment of this organization, healthcare for those with dystonia will become informative, timely, concise, less fragmented and efficient. As will the wait for a cure as promised by others.

Imagine how providing a team of specialists from multiple healthcare fields in one location and who are accessible 24 hours a day will help to improve your outlook towards dystonia. They will help to reduce stress levels as part of your care is shifted towards psychological and social issues that go hand-in-hand with dystonia. WE are committed to this endeavor.

As a nurse and patient with dystonia, it is of utmost importance to me that a multi-disciplinary approach be provided to everyone with dystonia. A future Center-Program of Excellence for Dystonia will provide this type of care. This will not lessen the need or availability for research participation or funding. I encourage you to participate in research projects as they become available in your area. Research funding is necessary to find a cure for dystonia. But, in the meantime, we must treat the mind, body and soul also.

The immediate and long-range stability of Care 4 Dystonia rests with the growing number of people with dystonia who recognize what their needs are and what they desire from their dystonia organization. Today we ask " Will your needs be met by an organization that solely focuses on a select group of generalized dystonias?? In fact you may have another form of dystonia- cervical, eye, vocal cord etc. which has completely different lifestyle, social etc. implications and has no relation to the DYT1 gene or even the torsion A protein. The cause of these other focal dystonias may be based on completely different brain models or on brain "circuitry".

Your donation can help change .....create an educational program for newly diagnosed persons...a child's outlook as he or she attend weekly physical therapy sessions...a mother's anxiety prior to treatment with botulinum toxin injections... a teenager's ability to join an academic social club at school after visiting a psychologist at the Center-Program, who helps her improve her sense of self-worth and self-image. Please help bring about change in the area of dystonia. Your donation is much appreciated.

Become a valuable member of C4D today.

— Beka, S.

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