



MS Hope for a Cure  
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MS Hope for a Cure (MS Hope) is a 501c3 nonprofit organization that was founded in 2007. Since inception, MS Hope has raised over \$11.4 million. In turn, the organization has funded 151 grants to fund critical research and to support a variety of programs and services that have provided desperately needed resources to people living with Multiple Sclerosis.

**Examples of programs and services we are proud to have funded:**

- Provided \$300,000 to provide access to free psychiatric support to anyone living with MS by fully funding an MS Psychiatric Position at Mount Sinai Hospital.
- Provided \$185,000 in college scholarships to students living with Multiple Sclerosis to enable them to focus on their studies without having to take on the stress of a part-time job.
- Provided over \$100,000 over 4 years via the National MS Society Crisis Services program to ensure that everyone living with Multiple Sclerosis in the New York area had a working air conditioner.
- Provided the following programs, services and grants to help people living with MS, which due to budget constraints were cut by the National MS Society in the Tristate area.
  - \* Personnel support for social workers and nurses at over 10 local MS Centers
  - \* Funding for free exercise programs during the winter months. In many cases, these classes were the only opportunities for people with more advanced mobility issues to leave the house and socialize with others.
  - \* Creation of an Annual Research and Wellness Symposium as part of MS Hope Day which brings in MS experts in a variety of areas to provide the latest information on current research directly to the people to whom it matters most.

## **Examples of critical research funded towards finding new treatments and eventually a cure for MS:**

- Provided a \$300,000 grant to help launch the National MS Society's Fast Forward. The biggest hurdle in moving potential treatments forward is securing the necessary early investments and resources for commercial development. Fast Forward investments propel new therapies forward by providing the necessary funding to ensure that promising treatments don't languish on a dusty shelf.
- Provided a \$220,000 grant for the National MS Society's Pilot Research Program. The Society initiated the pilot research program in 1987 to provide a mechanism to encourage new, innovative research on multiple sclerosis. The fiscal environment forced this program to be put on hold in June 2008. This grant allowed the vital program to resume in 2010.
- Provided a \$198,300 grant for research focused on exploring the cellular, imaging, and physiologic components of endogenous remyelination as a means of monitoring and promoting repair.
- Provided a \$300,000 grant over 4 years to fund a project focused on MAG, a protein that plays a negative role in the progression of MS. The research team looked at ways to neutralize MAG's negative impact on the ability of transplanted Schwann cells (myelin making cells from the peripheral nervous system) to induce myelin repair.
- Provided over \$600,000 in Stem Cell grants for research focused on the development of non-embryonic stem cell therapies to help stop and repair MS. This is an extremely promising area for people living with progressive MS and we are excited to be helping to propel it forward.
- Provided \$650,000 in grants to fund research specific to the progressive forms of the disease as the first foundation member of the International Progressive MS Alliance.