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FD Fact Sheet

Name of disease: familial dysautonomia (FD), also known as Riley-Day Syndrome
Carrier frequency in Ashkenazi Jews: 1 in 27
Carrier frequency in the general population: unknown
Age of onset: birth

Symptoms: FD causes dysfunction of the autonomic and sensory nervous systems. It is a progressive disease. Symptoms and severity vary in each patient. Symptoms include:

- Absence of overflow tears / corneal drying
- Poor suck at birth
- Drooling
- Swallowing and feeding problems
- Hypotonia / poor muscle tone
- Short stature
- Delayed developmental milestones: motor, language, social
- Inappropriate temperature controls
- Wide swings in blood pressure
- Gastro-esophageal reflux
- Frequent lung infections / pneumonias
- Decreased or no reaction to pain and temperature
- Episodic vomiting
- Excessive sweating
- Blotchy reddening of skin with excitement and/or feeding
- Smooth tongue / lack of taste buds
- Spinal curvature
- Poor weight gain and growth
- Impaired renal function
- Osteoporosis and osteopenia
- Fainting and cardiac arrhythmias
- Sleep apnea
- Restrictive lung disease

What is the basis of disease: Inefficient gene splicing results in decreased production of a vital protein called IKAP. This protein is an essential component of a complex that aids in expression of multiple other target genes that are critical for growth and development of the sensory and autonomic nervous systems as well as their function.

Treatment or management: At present, only supportive treatments are available. Supportive therapies include topical lubrication of the eyes and medications to maintain and regulate cardiovascular, respiratory, and gastrointestinal function. Surgical interventions include fundoplication, gastrostomy, spinal fusion, and tear duct cautery. Various therapies are used to promote strength and speech development.

Carrier testing: Carrier testing is available for the two most common mutations. All patients have one or two copies of a single splicing mutation; over 99% of cases of FD in the Ashkenazi Jewish (AJ) population have two copies of this splicing mutation. A second mutation paired with the AJ splicing mutation accounts for all other cases in the AJ population. A third mutation from a non-Jewish parent, again paired with the AJ splicing mutation, is responsible for a single case of FD.

Other testing information: Carrier screening is based on DNA analysis. Screening is 99% accurate for the AJ population.

Current research: Basic scientific research focuses on understanding the splicing defect and the role of IKAP in order to develop improved therapies. Researchers are working with mouse models to further this aim. Clinical investigations include assessment of disease progression, assessment of cardiovascular, renal, ophthalmologic, orthopedic and respiratory complications and clinical trials of new medications and additional supportive therapies.
The Dysautonomia Foundation, Inc., founded in 1951, is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit charitable organization. Our mission includes supporting medical care, scientific research and public awareness for the benefit of people afflicted with, and at risk for, familial dysautonomia (FD).

**Major Accomplishments**

- Established the world’s only treatment centers dedicated exclusively to FD
- Established the world’s only clinical research laboratory focused on FD
- Endowed the world’s only two professorships that focus on FD research and treatment
- Largest source of funding for FD research (more than government, private industry, or nonprofit organization)
- Funded treatment that has increased life expectancy, dramatically reduced morbidity, and improved quality of life for FD patients.
- Funded research that led to the understanding of the disease as a neurological condition.
- Funded research that led to discovery of the FD gene.
- Funded research that led to general population carrier screening, resulting in a significant reduction in the birthrate of new FD cases.
- Advocated for government recognition of FD as a developmental disability.
- Advocated for ACOG to require doctors to inform patients of the risk of FD and need for genetic testing.
- Advocated for NIH to provide greater focus and funding for FD research.

**Major Initiatives**

**Funding Clinical Care**
The Dysautonomia Foundation supports clinical medical care for people with FD by:

- Maintaining the Dysautonomia Treatment & Evaluation Center and the Dysautonomia Clinical Research Lab at New York University Langone Medical Center;
- Maintaining the Israeli FD Center;
- Sponsoring public awareness and social services projects.

**Funding Scientific Research**
The Dysautonomia Foundation supports research studies into FD and the FD gene. Basic scientific research and clinical medical research regarding FD is supported at a number of prestigious hospitals and universities.

**Supplying Informative Material**
The Dysautonomia Foundation provides a continual flow of information to families, the medical community and other lay and professional persons who request medical, educational or promotional material concerning FD.

**Advocating for the FD Population**
The Dysautonomia Foundation works with the medical community, national organizations and government entities for the benefit of people with FD.
FD Treatment

UNIQUE CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE OFFER TREATMENT FOR FAMILIAL DYSAUTONOMIA

New York University Langone Medical Center, New York
Horacio Kaufmann, MD
Lucy Norcliffe-Kaufmann, PhD

Sheba Medical Center, Tel Hashomer, Tel Aviv, Israel
Dr. Ori Efrati

Familial Dysautonomia is an Ashkenazi Jewish genetic disease present at birth that causes dysfunction of the autonomic and sensory nervous systems. One in 27 individuals of Ashkenazi Jewish decent is a carrier of FD. In 2001, carrier and prenatal testing became available, helping to reduce the number of children born with FD. Yet new cases of FD are identified every year, and all people afflicted with FD require extensive medical treatment.

One of the most important accomplishments of the Dysautonomia Foundation is the establishment of dedicated treatment facilities in the U.S. and Israel. These facilities serve as centers of excellence for medical care and research specifically for the benefit of FD patients. The Dysautonomia Center, located at the NYU Medical Center in New York City, and the Israeli FD Center, at Tel Hashomer / Sheba Hospital in Tel Aviv, are both funded by the Dysautonomia Foundation.

The NYU Dysautonomia Center is the only such facility for FD in the United States. It is under the direction of Dr. Horacio Kaufmann. Dr. Kaufmann, one of the world’s foremost authorities on all forms of autonomic disorders, leads the Center’s clinical research program and has appointments in NYU School of Medicine departments of Neurology, Medicine and Pediatrics. The staff at the Center provides comprehensive treatment services through acute care, periodic evaluations and personalized treatment plans.

The NYU Center works closely with the Israeli FD Center directed by Dr. Ori Efrati. Both FD Centers conduct clinical research, provide ongoing treatment, and consult with physicians treating FD patients all over the world. Current projects at the Centers include research into the underlying mechanisms of FD and investigation of new drugs which could alter the genetic error that causes FD or alleviate some of the life-threatening symptoms.

Because of the incredible dedication and expertise of the doctors working at the NYU and Israeli centers, and due to the over sixty years of support from the Dysautonomia Foundation, FD individuals, who once only had a 50 percent chance of reaching age five, now have dramatically improved quality of life and significantly increased life expectancy. In fact, children recently born with FD are projected to have a 50 percent chance of reaching age 40. The Dysautonomia Foundation is proud of the accomplishments of the Dysautonomia Center, and of the FD patients whose improved quality of life has enabled many of them to pursue careers, live independently, and even marry and have children. However, there is still much work to be done to ensure that all children with FD achieve adulthood and that all adults with FD achieve an improved quality of life. Additional research is necessary for the development of definitive treatments. This is why continued support of the Dysautonomia Foundation is crucial. For more information about FD, please contact the Dysautonomia Foundation at 212-279-1066 or info@famdys.org.
Pursuing our Goals
Enhanced care and new therapies for FD

The enduring goals of the Dysautonomia Foundation are to provide the highest level of medical treatment, research, social services and education for the benefit of people with familial dysautonomia (FD).

Our two endowed FD professorships are primary examples of the realization of these goals. The endowed Felicia B. Axelrod Professorship in Familial Dysautonomia Research, held by Horacio Kaufmann, MD since 2007, along with a second endowed professorship that is being used to support medical/research staff, insure that there will always be professors and researchers at the NYU School of Medicine who devote their work to FD treatment and research. Dr. Kaufmann and his team devote their full time and attention to dysautonomia treatment and clinical research in an effort to provide the highest level of medical care to people with FD.

In 2007, the Dysautonomia Center was completely remodeled and expanded. The Center, located at NYU Langone Medical Center, is the focal point of academic activity, treatment and research. Since then, our team of doctors and research scientists has begun several initiatives focused on improving the lives of people with FD. Patient exams have been enhanced with more sophisticated and thorough testing, yielding vital information that helps shape each patient’s individual treatment plan. All data obtained in the exams, treatments and clinical investigations are used to create individualized treatment plans and are compiled and analyzed to identify long-term trends and unravel the mysteries that surround the underlying mechanisms and progression of FD.

The Center also has a rotating Dysautonomia Fellow in the Department of Neurology which is filled annually by a medical doctor and researcher who learns the intricacies of FD under the guidance of Dr. Kaufmann. Upon completion of the fellowship, the doctor returns to the wider medical community with an advanced understanding of FD, thus spreading FD awareness and expertise far beyond the walls of the treatment center.

In 2015, we continued to support $1 million in funding for scientific research projects that was committed in 2014. These projects, taking place across the United States and Israel, focus on better understanding of the FD gene, development of genetic therapies, the creation of an improved animal model of FD, and methods for identifying drugs and compounds that may be useful in treating FD. Research into the optic nerve, gait, respiration and blood pressure problems in FD offer great hope for better therapies and, in turn, better lives for people with FD. Progress has been encouraging.

Since 2010, a number of clinical trials have been conducted with drugs and compounds never before used for the treatment of FD. In this time, Foundation-funded advances in FD clinical research have been published in over 50 papers in prestigious journals such as Neurology and Brain, and our understanding of the mechanisms underlying FD has progressed substantially.

All of these accomplishments were made possible by the strong and generous support of the FD community. Your contributions make these and other important projects possible, and your support provides hope for all FD families.

The pages of this Journal highlight the names of some of the families, donors and people with FD who have inspired us in 2015. The Dysautonomia Foundation extends its sincere gratitude and congratulations to everyone who has been involved with our cause. With your help, we will continue to make progress toward our most important goals: improving the lives of people with FD and, ultimately, finding a cure.
FD Events – Year in Review

The Dinner and Celebration in honor of Dr. Felicia B. Axelrod on January 25, 2015 at the Pierre Hotel in New York City was incredible. Close to 250 people, including many FD children and adults, gathered for dinner and testimonials in honor of her hard work at the Dysautonomia Center. It was a beautiful reception and we wish her the very best in her retirement.

The Second Annual Zumba for FD event was hosted by Natalie Cohen on March 28, 2015, in honor of her sister Frannie Cohen, who has FD. This high-intensity and uplifting event was a lot of fun as friends of the FD community came together to work out and dance for a great cause. Natalie’s dedication to our cause is incredible. Every year she thinks of fun new ways to raise money for research and treatment such as her successful softball tournament. We continue to be inspired by her.
The **30th Annual FD Day** Conference was held on June 9th at NYU Langone Medical Center. Over 130 people came together, including FD families, friends, researchers, doctors, and experts, for this highly anticipated event. The conference featured presentations on updates on FD research and treatment, an adult FD patient panel, and small group question and answer sessions with experts. The younger attendees enjoyed an animal show, magic show, a casino, and other entertainment throughout the day.

This year’s speakers and guests included Dr. Ori Efrati and Professor Yehonatan Sharabi from Israel, Dr. Horacio Kaufmann, Dr. Jose Alberto-Palma, and Dr. Lucy Norcliffe-Kaufmann from the Dysautonomia Center, as well as Dr. Mikhail Kazachkov from NYU Langone Medical Center. The FD Adult panel, which is always the highlight of the day, featured five adults discussing their insights into their lives with FD.

As always, our annual golf outings were a great hit. The **19th Annual FD Golf Classic** was hosted at Glen Oaks Club, in Old Westbury, on May 18, 2015. Over 120 participants joined us for golf during the day and dinner in the evening. The highlight of the night was of course the coveted raffles and silent/live auctions. We would like to thank the event organizers Paul Wexler and Steve Fass, as well as all our volunteers for their part in creating such a successful event, we are truly grateful.
The 12th Annual Chicago Golf Outing was held at the Ravina Green Country Club in Riverwoods, Illinois on July 17, 2015, and it was an incredible event. Over 100 players gathered for golf but the “Ladies Lunch and Play” mahjong card tournament stole the show with close to 300 ladies in attendance. We would like to acknowledge and thank Gregg and Laura Meyers for organizing another great FD fundraiser and their continued support over the years.

The 12th Annual FD Cycle Tour on September 20th kicked off for the second year in a row from Brookside Elementary School in Ossining, New York. It was a great success. This year featured new scenic routes through the Croton Dam area which the riders really enjoyed. Twelve years since the creation of this event, the Cycle Tour has raised over $2 million. We deeply appreciate the efforts of event organizers Jeff and Lisa Newman, Lisa Rudley and Melissa Slive.

Adam Kietz’s Cycle for FD event was hosted at SoulCycle on March 28th; it was attended by close to 40 highly enthusiastic participants. They gathered for a high intensity SoulCycle spinning class in an effort to raise money for FD treatment and research. The event raised over $30,000 thanks to the hard work of Adam Kietz who organized the event in honor of his brother Josh Kietz.

For more information on these events visit www.famdys.org
Dysautonomia Foundation’s

2016 Events

- Walk For FD - NYC
- FD Day
- Long Island Golf Outing
- Chicago Golf Outing
- Tour de Foliage - FD Cycle Tour
- FD Benefit Concert

For details on these events and news about the Foundation and the FD community, check our web site, join our Facebook Page, follow us on Twitter, and see our videos on YouTube!

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The most recent edition of the FD Manual of Comprehensive Care, published by the Dysautonomia Foundation, has been available since 2009. While this reference is not intended to be a substitute for advice from a qualified medical professional, it does provide a wide range of extremely useful information about all aspects of caring for a person with FD. Prepared by our medical and research staff at the NYU Dysautonomia Center, it is the only resource of its kind.

The manual deals with all aspects of day-to-day life for people with FD. It can be used as a guide for understanding the many challenges presented by FD, and can be extremely useful when shared with therapists, nurses and doctors who may not be familiar with all aspects of FD.

All FD families registered with the Dysautonomia Foundation should have already received a copy. If you have not received your copy, or if you need additional copies, please contact the Dysautonomia Foundation to make arrangements.

For more information on how to obtain a manual, email us at info@famdys.org
Handbook on FD and Jewish Law

Dr. Channa Maayan, along with a group of Rabbis from Israel, recognized the need for a book about how Halacha (Jewish law) applies to people with FD. This comprehensive handbook covers a wide range of topics, and applies to FD and other serious illnesses. The Foundation has copies available in both Hebrew and English.

For more information on how to obtain a copy, email us at info@famdys.org
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A unique facility with exceptional personnel dedicated to the well-being of the FD community
Michael Baranoff

Congratulations to our High School Graduate! We are so proud of you, Michael. And We Love you more than words can say.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Rob, Joe, Nate, Prissy, Elly and Emmy

Many thanks to the Doctors and staff of The Dysautonomia Center. We appreciate you always being there.
Congratulations to

Sam Myers

dom your parents and biggest fans for another amazing year - 2015 - bringing joy wherever you go, even when the going gets tough.

Sam speaking at Dr. Axelrod’s retirement gala, January 2015
In memory of our beloved father and grandfather

Sidney J. Lemer

Richard, Marty, Margot and Liza Byrne
In Memory of

Lenore Roseman

Lenore’s dedication, compassion, and tireless efforts to help the FD community will always be remembered.
STEVEN WEXLER
CURVEBALL

Steven, there are many definitions of a curveball. One definition is "to surprise someone with something that is difficult or unpleasant."

While FD is certainly both, you on the other hand are just the opposite. You have shown us how to deal with adversity with the greatest attitude that anyone could ask for. You always put everyone ahead of yourself and always with a smile.

Thank you for making us better at being us.

We love you,
Mom and Dad
IN HONOR OF
STEVEN WEXLER

ALL OUR LOVE,
Rena, Josh, Elana & Jacob
Kopelman
In Memory of

Zachary Berg
In Loving Memory

of

Lori Ann Fishel
1965 - 2013

Mom & Dad
IN HONOR OF

OUR THREE BEAUTIFUL GIRLS

PERRY
SYDNEY
CODY

LOVE,
MOM and DAD
In Honor of

The Margolis Family

Love

Linda and Jake
Samantha Myers
and
her wonderful parents

Love from Aunt Deb
In honor of our daughters, **Julia and Rebecca**, whom we treasure above all else.

Our thanks goes to all those who work diligently at the Dysautonomia Foundation and Dysautonomia Center to help Rebecca and the entire FD community.

Lisa and Jeff Newman
In Honor of

Michael Brenner and Felicia B. Axelrod, MD
In Honor of

Kelly Brotman
In honor of our two sparkling diamonds

Frances Emily
Natalie Rose

XOXO
Mommy and Daddy
To Mitchell Joseph

Love from your family and friends in

Dallas, New York, and Portland
In Honor of

Dr. Horacio Kaufmann
Sam,
I am so proud of the man you have become. You are wonderful.

With lots of love,
Grandma Soso
WE REMEMBER OUR FACEBOOK WARRIOR, JEWELRY DIVA, PAL, DAUGHTER AND ALL OF THE SMILES AND GREAT TIMES.

WE MISS YOU KID.

LOVE,

MOM AND DAD

MAGGY MILLER
1975-2009
With hope for a better future

The Segal Family
São Paulo - Brasil
FOR A SPECIAL UNCLE,
BROTHER AND FRIEND

BRIAN JAY SOLOMONS

WE LOVE YOU SO VERY MUCH!
WE RESPECT AND ADMIRE YOUR
COURAGE, STRENGTH AND CHARACTER.

Love,
Scott, Sheryl, Alex & Josh
IN HONOR

OF

BRIAN SOLOMONS

AND HIS FAMILY

BEST WISHES FOR HEALTH

AND

HAPPINESS.

Love,

Jill, Sandy and Johnny
Sirulnick
Thank you to our friends

The Goldbergers
&
The Habermans

for all you do on behalf of

The Dysautonomia Foundation

With admiration,

The Gould and Shenfeld Families
In Memory of Lauren Jaime Adler

Until the rainbow burns the stars out in the sky

Until the ocean covers every mountain high

Until the dolphin flies and parrots live at sea

Until we dream of life and life becomes a dream

We'll be loving you always and forever.

Her Mom, Dad, and brother Joseph
In Honor of

Felicia Axelrod

Ellyn and Michael Greenspan
IN HONOR OF MICHAEL BARANOFF

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ALL WHO ARE DEDICATED TO
THE FOUNDATION
AND THE RESEARCH
THAT WILL ONE DAY
LEAD TO A CURE

MICHELE AND ED SHOUEL
In Honor of

Gregory Brandt

Stephen and Susan Scherr
HE LOVED LIFE, HIS FAMILY, HIS PEOPLE, HIS SYNAGOGUE

DAVID “DOVIE” BORENSTEIN

שמואל מרדרי ז'וד

בי"ר ישראל גדלי חלי והמית

May 20, 1954 – March 17, 1990

Miriam and Irving Borenstein
Hindy and Aaron, Sharon and Avi
Assaf and Mihoko, Amy, Alec and Leha
Amanda and Yonaton and Baby Michael
Michael Brenner

Your smile lights up our world.

Mom and Dad
To my darling grandson

Michael Brenner

I love you, and I'm always thinking of you!

Grammy
In Honor Of

MICHAEL BRENNER

LOVE,

NICK, PRISCILLA AND HAROLD
MICHAEL BRENNER

We Love you!

Aunt Adele & Uncle Paul
Cousins Danielle, Ethan & Henry
Cousins Alyson, Craig, Eric & Abby
In honor of

David and Alyson Brenner

We love you,

Adele & Paul Reiter & Family
THE EYE
Multimedia work by
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Donated to The Boston Foundation for Sight, in appreciation of her greatly improved eyesight.

Thank you to
The Dysautonomia Center
and
Dr. Carlos Mendoza
for the valuable referral.
TO OUR SPECIAL PERSON

SCOTT FASS

We constantly are in awe of your ability to win people over.

Every person that we know thinks that you are an exceptional individual,

Caring, loving and perceptive.

I guess that is why we love you so much,

Aunt Harriette and Uncle Neal

Stacey, Gary, Marnie, Jeff

Ally, Casey, Dani and Sam
In Honor of

Sheryl and Scott Haberman
In Loving Memory

Andrea Hauben

Howard & Patti Hauben
H2 Events
In Loving Memory of

Andrea Hauben

Jayne Lipman & Bob Goodman
In honor of my

"Gabi"

And all the people who love her and work so hard for FD

Aunt Roni & Alexa
 who bake delicious cakes

The Artist Gallery
 who sells my hats & pocket books

Ernie & Cheryl Holloway
 who give every month in memory of PopPop Marty P.

I Thank You
 GMA Lois
IN HONOR OF

OUR CHILDREN

ADAM & JOSHUA KIETZ

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH

MOM and DAD
LOVE, ALWAYS

TO OUR CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN

Amy & Michael
Barbara & Steve
Ronni & Philip

Alex & Zach
Becca & Jake
Adam, Emily, Josh
Brian, Jacob

Grandma & Grandpa
Anita & Stan
Josh Kietz

We constantly learn from you what the really important things are:

Love, kindness, caring, family.

You are truly special.

Your accomplishments inspire all of us.

We Love you !!!!

Aunt Judi, Uncle Lenny, Shara, David, Kim, Jake
For my handsome great nephew, Sam

All my love,
Aunt Ruth
IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

OUR BELOVED DAUGHTER

AMY JILL LEHRER

March 21, 1964
December 15, 1973

Kit & Don Lehrer
In Loving Memory of

Elaine Jamie Lipson
1963 - 2005

Arthur Edward Lipson
1939 - 2014

Always in our hearts,
Shelly Lynn and family
In memory of our precious

DONNA LYNN MICHAELSON

Always loved
Never forgotten
In our hearts forever

Mom
Howard and Sheila
Chase and Spencer
and
All who knew and loved her
Our Amazing Son & Grandson

In Memory of Adam

In Honor of Jack

Forever Loved

Gail & Stan Posnack
In Honor of

Jack Posnack

In Memory of

Adam Posnack

Brill and Jason Garrett
In Memory of

Carly Posner
In Memory of

Lenore Roseman

Her love, care and concern for the FD patients and their families will always be remembered with admiration and gratitude.

Lenore was an integral part of the FD Family and we are forever grateful for her tireless dedication and devotion that helped improve the lives of those living with FD.

With love,

The Fass Family
TO BRIAN SOLOMONS

We are honored to be a friend of yours and your wonderful family.

You are a true inspiration to us each and every day.

We hope the coming year brings you the best of health and tremendous happiness.

Much Love,
Amy, Cliff, Julie & Katie Goldman
In honor of those who fight this disease and the people who support them...

May there one day be a cure!

The Ginsberg Family
Stephanie, Ian, Alec, Wendy & Reed
Peter Sonenshein

Thumbs up, kudos and cheers for the fine art work you do.

I love you.

Love,

Grandma Ruthie
In Memory of

Bryan Sunderland
September 7th 1972 - September 25th 1999
In Honor of

All Those Who Work So Hard

In the Fight Against FD

Tova and Howard Weiser
In honor of
Dr. Horacio Kaufman
and the entire staff of the
Dysautonomia Treatment Center,

For their tireless efforts in bringing about
a better quality of life for
all those afflicted with FD.

The Wexler Family
In Honor Of

Steven Wexler

Dear Steven,

You have brought us joy beyond anything we could have imagined. We are proud not only of your accomplishments but of your compassion, love of life and optimism that endears you to all who meet you. We love you so very much.

Grandma Yvette &
Grandpa Harvey
To Steven Wexler and Family,

Wishing you health and happiness today and always!!!

With Love,

The Bakers
The Edelmans
The Farbers
The Gewirtzs
The Heyligers
The Kravietzs
The Lisanns
The Osterlands
The Silvers
IN MEMORY OF OUR BELOVED

REAGAN ELIZABETH COHEN
&
JAXSON STEPHEN COHEN

WE HONOR

PAUL & KAREN WEXLER

AND THEIR AMAZING SON

STEVEN

CONTINUE THIS IMPORTANT WORK

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DEBY & STEVE COHEN
In Honor of

Steven Wexler

You overcome all the obstacles that FD presents everyday, and you do so with unbelievable courage and a contagious sense of optimism. Your constant display of compassion for others, while you yourself face extraordinary daily challenges is truly amazing. You continue to inspire those of us that are lucky enough to call you a friend.

With Love,

The McAuliffe Family
In Honor of

Paul Wexler
In memory of a very special little girl, Lauren Jamie, who is still sorely missed

– Savta Lillian
Dearest Lauren,

Time has a way of passing on; yet the memories of the years together will forever be with us. You touched our lives in a very special way.

A new generation is growing up and they can only hear the stories we tell about a very special little girl whose endearing smile and love brought much sunshine to the world.

As you watch over us from above, we have no doubt that you share in the joy of Eliana joining the family. As Joseph and Eliana build their new life together we hope and pray that they will be blessed with all good things; may all of their dreams come true.

With much love,

Uncle Simon & Aunt Robin
Bracha & Oded
Chanoch & Ester
Yoel & Tali
Daniel & Yael
Cherut, Bat Shachar, Eitan,
Hodaya, Ayala, Yosef & Sinai
Episode XX

MORGAN AWAKENS

The force is strong within you our young Padawan.

Years of Fantastic De-lightsaber training has left you in good shape to shovel your way through another winter in Montreal.

You have kept the Millennium Falcon (Kia version) busy this year flitting between the moons of Coatus Saint Lucas and West (Tortuga) Island.

Hopefully your training will soon be complete but not before your annual adoring council of Carolus, Laurenus, Alexandrus, Sydnus, and Roi Bernardus says....

We Love You
To our Mikey,

You've become a fine young man, that we are most proud of,

You do amazing things with art, building, and construction.

We adore you and your siblings.

Lots of love and kisses,

Grandma Prissy
&
Grandpa Mike
In Honor of

Michael Baranoff

With all our love

Shawna and Eddie Azar
We love you!

Michael Baranoff

Mia, Rachel, Jacob, Amy, and Scott Gottesfeld
In Honor of

Eddie Baranoff
To my very special brother

Michael Brenner

I love you,

Sarah
MICHAEL BRENNER

You are the best!

All our love,
Aunt Robin, Uncle Brian,
Cousin Alex and Cousin Maddie
FRANNIE

WE LOVE YOU SO MUCH !!!

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ALEXANDER, ETHAN, MICHAEL, ILONA
In honor of

Judy, Steven and Scott

You're an inspiration to all of us!

Love,

Brooke, Jeremy, Luke
and Benjamin
Congratulations to Scott Fass and his wonderful family.

You are all amazing, and we are fortunate to have you in our lives.

Love,
Sue & Jon
In Honor of

Faye Ginsburg
In Honor of

The Dedicated
FD Team at NYU

Love,

Rochelle & Leo Goldberg,
Elliot Goldberg,
Shari & Josh Goldberg
In loving memory of our precious

Jonathan Michael Gordon


Always smiling, feeling great and never complaining no matter what the situation was!

You are in our hearts forever!

Love,
Debbie, Daniel and Benjamin Gordon
and
Edna Sydney
LARRY GORDON
JUNE 4, 1956 — OCTOBER 22, 1960
LOVING SON OF ENID WEINBERG
BELOVED GRANDSON OF JULIA AND NAT HOFF
A LIFE TOO SWEET AND TOO SHORT
FOREVER REMEMBERED
THANK YOU, RENI
FOR BEING YOU.
MORE THAN ONE LIFE
HAS BREATHED EASIER
BECAUSE YOU HAVE LIVED.
WE TALK ABOUT YOU
REGULARLY AND YOU WILL
ALWAYS REMAIN A PART
OF OUR FAMILY.

RENETTE MÉROSE SHAFIQ-BERGER
October 8, 1952       October 28, 1984

We are thankful for all the loving things Reni has given us, the memoires of innocence, sweetness and strength; her thoughtful ways, her gentleness, her caring and giving nature.

Reni was deeply devoted to those she loved.
She added to the world these precious qualities – and they will be missed.

TAMAR JACOBS
ADDY AND AURIANNE
In honor of

Josh Kietz

and

his family

Brenda & Jeff Koblick Hertz
Our Love To A Most Wonderful Young Man:

Evan Reid Kaplan

Congratulations on The Celebration of Your 19th Birthday and Your Graduation from High School!

Grandpa Bobby & Grandma Nancy
With love to our grandchildren
Ezra and Kira Kress

We celebrate Ezra's 18th birthday,
inspired by his spirit, love and courage.

Saba and Savta, Bill & Beverly Lebeau
To Sam Landau

We love you!

Susan and Arnold Scharf
IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

STEPHEN LINKER

AND

JULIAN LINKER

PHYLLIS AND SUSAN
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

STEPHEN AND JERRY LINKER

JEAN AND STEVE ANREDER
In Honor of

Jack Posnack

With Love from
Your California Cousins

Rebecca, Jonathan, Mimi, Lili and Liam
A Poem For Mom

You are the sunlight in my day,
You are the moon I see far away.
You are the tree I lean upon,
You are the one that makes troubles be gone.
You are the one who taught me life,
How not to fight, and what is right.
You are the words inside my song,
You are my love, my life, my mom.
You are the one who cares for me,
You are the eyes that help me see.
You are the one who knows me best,
When it's time to have fun and time to rest.
You are the one who has helped me to dream,
You hear my heart and you hear my screams.
Afraid of life but looking for love,
I'm blessed for God sent you from above.
You are my friend, my heart, and my soul,
You are the greatest friend I know.
You are the words inside my song,
You are my love, my life, my Mom.

~ Andrew Sigman
In honor of
Steven Wexler
and
Brian Solomons

Your courage and strength
are an inspiration.

Alyssa and Steven Ackerman
In Honor of

Brian Solomons

and

Steven Wexler

Wishing you the best of health and happiness always!!!

Joanie & Don Fisher
In honor of

Brian Solomons

and

Steven Wexler

We are proud to support the research effort.

Mitchell and Adela Kahn

&

Family
In Honor of

Sheryl and Scott Haberman

for their devotion and tireless commitment.

Donald and Amy Motschwiller
In Honor of

Brian Solomons

and

Sheryl and Scott Haberman

and Family

Pam and David Waill
Congratulations to

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for his wonderful artwork.

With love,

Leslie, Warren, Noel
&
Bruce
To our precious Simi Steiner

When you're down in troubles
    And you need
some love and care
And nothing, nothing
    is going right
Close your eyes
    and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your
darkest night

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
    I'll come running
to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
    All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
    Ain't it good to know that
you've got a friend

When people can be so cold
They'll hurt you and desert you
    And take your soul
if you let them
Oh, but don't you let them

You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
    I'll come running
to see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
    All you have to do is call
And I'll be there
    You've got a friend

If the sky above you
Grows dark and full of clouds
    And that old north
wind begins to blow
Keep your head together
    And call my name out loud

Love, Ma and Zaidy
The Teitelbaum Family
In Honor of

Howard Weiser
In support of
Steven Wexler
and his fight against
Familial Dysautonomia

On behalf of
Eyeking
and the Goldman family
Dear Steven,

You have the most amazing smile that spreads warmth and inspiration to all who know you.

The love from your parents and sister Stefani and brother Bryan surrounds you wherever you are.

I wish Godspeed to the devoted FD researchers and pray that they are able to find a cure real soon.

I love you a whole bunch.

Grandpa Phil
Best wishes to our hero

Steven Wexler
and the entire Wexler family

With love,
Amy, Michael, Ethan & Samantha
Kopelman
With great appreciation to David Brenner and the entire staff of the Dysautonomia Foundation for all that they do in helping us accomplish our goals

The Wexler Family
In honor of the Adler Family

WE ARE PROUD TO SUPPORT THE FOUNDATION'S WORK

REYNA and PIERRE GENTIN
In honor of our dear friends -

Vivian, Gerry & Joseph Adler

~ ~ ~

Caron & Steven Gelles
Bonnie & Russell Mannis
IN MEMORY OF LAUREN ADLER
AND
IN HONOR OF ALL THOSE WHO
HAVE MADE THINGS HAPPEN.
MAY THE RESEARCH CONTINUE
AND BE SUCCESSFUL.

Nina & Brian Hirshman
and Family

In Memory of
Lauren Adler
Laura and Eric Green

IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LAUREN ADLER
Karyl, Asher, Lauren & Rebecca Miller
In Honor of

GERRY AND VIVIAN ADLER

CHANI AND BENNETT SALAMON

In loving memory of

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Mazal Tov to Joseph Adler and our dear friends Vivian and Gerry Adler on Joseph's engagement to Eliana Sugarman.

Susan and Bruce Schneider

In memory of

Lauren Adler

Debbie and Howie Schub

In memory of Lauren Adler
Penina & Tommy Weinberger
Remembering Lauren Adler
Chanie and Howie Bryks

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Florence and Nelson Asinowski
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In Honor of

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In Honor of

Michael Baranoff

The Ades Family

Alan, Carla, Renna, Louis & Nancy
WE LOVE YOU
MICHAEL
Love, The Frank Girls

In Honor of

Freddie and Eddie Baranoff

In friendship and admiration,
Luna and Jonathan Zemmol

No Tears:
Life With FD

Over the decades, they have made great progress to increase survival and health, but there is no cure.

It's one of the most complicated and mysterious diseases in the world.

We should be grateful for all they've done.

I'm grateful, but I want more.
Jennifer Taylor Bell

Time Goes on but Memories Live Forever
Always in our Hearts
A little tribute small and tender
Just to say we still remember.

Sadly missed
Lovingly remembered

The Fina Family
In loving memory of

Jennifer Bell

Home Care For Children

Remembering Zachary Berg
Lynne and Bruce Glickson

Family

Like branches on a tree
we all grow in different directions,
yet our roots remain as one.
In memory of
Zoe’s and Sydney’s brother

ZACHARY

With love,
Steven, Naomi and Sam

In memory of a beautiful young boy,
ZACHARY BERG

WE LOVE YOU!
The Florida Gang
Marlene Chavin, Bonnie and Steven Schwartzbaum,
Adam, Alison, and David

In Memory of
Zach Berg
GREGORY BRANDT
OUR DEAR GRANDSON

You are Kind, Loving and Caring.
We are so very proud of you.

With much Love and Admiration.

Grandma and Grandpa

We love you Gregory!

Aunt Cynthia, Uncle Jeff,
Emily, Melissa, and Julie
We Love You GREGORY

All our Love,
Aunt Andrea, Uncle Lloyd,
Shanna & Noam
David, Michelle &
Alexander and Elliott too

Michael Brenner Boosters
Martin L. Riefs
Gail Wanger

No Tears: Life With FD

I hate to be here, but I know it’s the best place for me to take care of my problems.

Still, I prefer to be at home, surrounded by the people and things I love.

Sometimes, it’s the only way I can feel better.
Michael Brenner

We are so proud of you.

Mom and Dad
Super Cousin Michael,
We love you!!
Alyson, Craig, Eric and Abigail

In Honor of
Michael Brenner
Barbara and Anthony Ariano

In Honor of
Michael Brenner
Linda and Bob Mazurek

In Memory of
Erv Brenner
In Honor of

David Brenner

Our Intrepid Executive Director
In Honor of

Allan Cohen
We Love You

Franny

Great Uncle Herbie,
Cousin Pam, Dan, Gemma,
Meredith, Marc, Sasha,
Hudson, Jill and Ryan
IN HONOR OF

FRANNIE COHEN

OUR INSPIRATION

THE RAFFLER FAMILY

Allan Cohen Booster
Elaine and Michael Cohen

Frannie Cohen Booster
Daniel and Lisa Levine
In Memory of

JILL COPLIN

Beloved Daughter and Sister
1966-1977
&

DIANE COPLIN LIPSITZ
Beloved Wife, Daughter, Sister and Aunt
1968-2010

The Coplin Family

In Loving Memory of

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No Tears: Life With FD

No, not that. I mean because this disease gives us a perspective on life that most people can’t see.

Well, yes, when you put it that way, we are special.

It’s funny, people see us as “special” because of our disabilities, but we’re really special because of our unique outlook on life.

Because we have to deal with this terrible, rare disease.

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Scott,

For the past 35 years, you have been the most amazing example of bravery, courage and strength. Your attitude and outlook on life is such an inspiration to everyone in your life. Your sweetness and caring for others is a true testament to your character, always thinking of others, even during your most trying times. Keep smiling and living life to the fullest.....you deserve only the best because you are the best!!!!

Love,
Rachel and Mark
DEAR SCOTT,

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE OUR #1 GUY.

WE LOVE YOU.

AUNT MARYON
ELENA, MATTHEW & JOSEPH

ANDREA, STEVE,
MARISSA & JONATHAN
In Honor of

Scott Fass

and his Family. We love you!!

In Honor of the FD Families and the FD Health Care Team

With Love and Gratitude

Sandy & Sandy Goodman
In honor of Scott Fass

Our respect and admiration goes to all who dedicate themselves to the work of the Dysautonomia Foundation.

Sincerely

Elaine and Brian Rappaport
Dear Scott,

Congratulations!!!
You are the winner of Marinara's pepperoni pizza eating contest!

💌 Love,
Caren
In Honor of

Scott Fass

Steven Schlussel
And Family
Dear Scott,
You are an inspiration to us all.
Your will to succeed is second to none.
Continued health and happiness to you Scott.

Love,
Geri, Harold, Jared
Cori & Lexi

In Honor of

Steve, Judy, Scott and Rachel Fass:

A loving family
that serves as an example
to all of us.

From
Gerald & Sheila Walpin
To Scott Fass,

You are certainly very special to us and we want to honor all of your unceasing efforts on behalf of the FD Community!

With love,

Uncle Will and Alice

S - Strong
C - Courageous
O - Optimistic
T - Terrific
T - True

All these words describe you!! We love you,

Stefi, Craig, Sydney, Shani, Jordan,
Lauri, Elliot, Daniel, Sophie, Amanda
To the inspirational kids and grown-up FD patients, the loving families and the dedicated scientists of the Dysautonomia Foundation, it's been an honor working with you this past year and we wish all of you great success in 2016.
IN MEMORY OF

RONALD ALAN FEIT

YOUR LOVING PARENTS
SHEILA AND SY FEIT

In Honor of

Sy Feit

Sandy Z”l and Larry Greebel
The Dysautonomia Foundation thanks our devoted researchers who dedicate themselves to the pursuit of a better life for all people with FD.

**Susan Slaugenhaupt, PhD and James Gusella, PhD**
*Discoverers of the FD gene* – their work has opened the door to new therapies, better understanding of the disease, and the possibility of a cure.

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MAZEL TOV TO

JUDY and MARC DREYFUSS on their third anniversary

WE HONOR

The entire NYU Dysautonomia Treatment and Evaluation Center
For their devotion to the care of FD patients

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Fordham University Laboratory for Familial Dysautonomia Research
For their dedication, successes and for their continuing search for
additional nutritional supplements for the FD population

WE HONOR

All other scientists as we eagerly await the results of their research

Beverly and Ted Fettman

Judy Fettman Boosters
Hilda and Irwin Jonas
Stephen and Carole Kestenbaum

Dear Everyone,
I'm so glad to have brought some moments of
happiness to you through "No Tears." I absolutely
love creating the comic too!

Cheers,

[Signature]

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In Honor of

Alvin Fishman
In Memory of

Kathy Ann Fishman

David & Deena Fishman

In Memory of

Pearl Ginsburg

Beloved Wife, Mother & Grandmother

Mark & Sue Hamilton
In loving memory of our dear cousin
**Felicia Gail Gold**
And with gratitude to the devoted doctors and staff of the Dysautonomia Foundation

Joyce and Bern Saxe
IN LOVING MEMORY OF

JAY GOLDBERG

WE WILL ALWAYS TREASURE THE 36 YEARS WE SHARED WITH YOU.

WITH LOVE,

DANIEL, STAN, JEFFREY & MICHAEL
IN HONOR OF
OUR NIECE

JAMIE GOLDBLAT

WITH LOVE,

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Eleanor and Bernard Goldstein

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Kenneth Goodman

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OF

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WE LOVE YOU AND MISS YOU

STEVEN GOULD and FAMILY

MARSHALL GOULD and FAMILY
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IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

PAUL NORMAN GOULD

HE LIVES IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER

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In Memory of David Lee Greenfield
by
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Longboat Key, FL
and
Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Greenfield
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In Memory of

Michael Grill

Gropper Family Booster
Robert Kenler
In Memory of

Leo Gropper
In Memory of
Robert Gross
Greetings from New Hampshire

Wishing everyone good health in 2016

Kevin, Lisa, & Jason Gross
In Honor of

Jason,
Kevin,
&
Lisa
Gross

Our Wonderful Nephews and Niece
And
Their Fabulous Mother, Bobbi

And

In Memory of
A Life so Beautifully Lived,
Their Fabulous Father, Bob

With All Our Love
Bonnie & Bob
Dear Jason, Kevin, and Lisa,

You are amazing! So glad we've been able to visit more, and thank you for always challenging us to be our best selves. You are an incredible and inspirational family, and we cannot wait for more fun times to come! Love you all to the moon and back. Can't wait to see you soon!

Love always,
Karen, Dave, Jake, Zac, Drew, Gina, and David

P.S. Thanks for helping us improve our pun game. A few words of advice, (1) don't trust people that do acupuncture, they're back stabbers, (2) get a new Harry Potter broom, I've heard they're sweeping the nation, and (3) only ride elevators up, I've heard it's quite uplifting.

In Memory of

Andrea Hauben

Remembering Melissa Gruber
Jonathan Fredman

Remembering Andrea Hauben
Jill and Marshall Glick
In loving memory of

Katherine Merle Irlen
1964 – 2006

Harvey and Barbara Irlen
Kevin and Anita Irlen
Steve and Jennifer Irlen
During this your 21st year, you continue to amaze us with your accomplishments. During the past year:

- You recently declared your major (and possible minor) at Hunter College;
- You successfully participated in the FD panel at FD Day and won the photo contest’s grand prize;
- You were singled out by the Hunter College office of accessABILITIES as the most organized student;
- You were the sole student chosen by a professional dancer named Bravo to dance with him at a Hunter College dance class (drats no photos);
- You asked a question during class that sparked a 20-minute discussion and then the Professor again raised the topic during the next class;
- You volunteered to answer so often during a different class one day that your Professor said "Does anyone else know an answer?"
- You interned at the family dentist’s office during the summer of 2015 and mastered sterilizing the equipment and pushing the x-ray button;
- You also mastered hailing a cab and have become quite proficient at it 😊;
- You got your 21st birthday wish when you met the cast and crew of both the Bold and the Beautiful and the Young and the Restless during the summer. The cast surprised you by singing Happy Birthday, giving you kisses, and giving you a script from your birth year.

We cannot wait to see what successes your 22nd birthday year brings!

XXOO
Mom & Dad
Gabi Jassie
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Gabi Jassie
IN HONOR OF

GABI JASSIE

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK:

ANITA, ESTHER, GINA, GRIFFITH, LEYETTE, MICHEL, REHANA, SITA, PANAMA, THE OT GANG, JULIETTE, YOLANDA & TAIMEE

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT

LOVE YA GABI,

AUNT RONI & ALEXA & MILO
In honor of

Gabi Jassie

with much love,

Suzie, Hope, and Aaron

IN HONOR OF

GABI JASSIE

To Mitchel

Best of Luck

In the Coming Year

The Biers

Gabi Jassie Boosters
Ephraim Garber, Sondra Stoll

Mitchell Joseph Boosters
Donna and Tom Aufiero
Mark and Lisa Campbell
Robert and Catherine Kushner
In Memory of
Lou Kaley
and
Elisa Kaley
Rosenberg Family

No Tears: Life with FD

I get dizzy when I stand too long.

FD COMPLAINT WINDOW

I feel nauseous when I wake up.

COMPLAINT WINDOW

I can’t breathe...

?

My parents are smothering me.

FD COMPLAINT WINDOW

The Doctor is IN

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Dear Evan,

Congratulations on your HS graduation! We can’t wait to see what exciting adventures come your way!

Love Mom, Dad, Max, Rachel (& Oliver, too)
FOR MY GRANDSON,

JOSH KIETZ

TO THOSE WHO

WORK SO HARD

TO HELP US

DREAM THE POSSIBLE

DREAM...

FOR MY GRANDSON, JOSH

AND ALL THE FD KIDS...

THANK YOU

SO VERY MUCH.

WITH LOVE AND HOPE,

GRANDPA AL
Dear Josh,

We are so proud of your hard work and effort. We wish you another year of joy, laughter, and love. Happiness always.

We love you…

The Feldman Family
The Goodwin Family
The Handy Family
The Levine Family
Marcia Levine
The Silver Family
The Stern Family
Josh,

When you're smiling...

The whole world smiles with you!

With Much Love,
Aunt Pam, Uncle Jordan
Cousins Lauren and Andrew

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Dear *Josh,*

*We love you so much and can't wait to continue celebrating life with you. You continue to inspire us each day.*

*Aunt Ronni,*
*Uncle Philip,*
*Brian & Jacob*
Josh,

You light up our world. We love you.

Aunt Amy &
Uncle Mike

Dear Josh,

You amaze and inspire us, each and every day.
We love you!

Judy, Alan, Lauren, and Kimberly.

To Josh Kietz,
The busiest young man ever!!
Love,
Donna & Brian Gelber
Josh,
We wish you the best of health and joy in the upcoming year. Keep on rockin'!
The Glaser Family

In Celebration of Josh Kietz

To a great young adult and a great family
With love,

Rob Rosenblatt and family

In Honor of the Kietz Family

You inspire us every day

With much love,

The Settle Family

Josh,
You are doing amazing!

Patrice Dawn Brendan
& Owen
Friends of Josh Kietz
Sherry & Stewart Bober
Amy Harris & Mitchell Cohen
Jane Helfman
Ellen & Leslie Kreisler
Thomas O'Brien
Gary Reno
Randi & Harry Weinberg

Josh Kietz Boosters
Ellen Abramson
Hal and Carole Fass
Jeff and Stacy Kirschner
Uncle Sol & Aunt Roselyn Koblick
Craig and Ellen Maiman
Lorraine and Alan Spector
Gloria Zapin

IN LOVING MEMORY
OF MY CHILDREN

PETER J. KLIER
KAREN I. KIDDER
MOTHER

Joshua Knobel Booster
The Tyler Family
This donation is given in honor of my grandson

**Mitchell Kofsky**

Our family is very proud of him. He has grown-up to be a remarkable young man.

Sandra Kofsky
(Nanny Sandy)
To our Wonderful Hollie,

Another year has come and gone, but our memories of the days we had together will always remain in our hearts and minds.

Sometimes, I think back to the trip we took driving up and down Mt. Washington in a rather old car, or who can forget the car ride to Florida when we went to Disney World. I always find myself smiling when I think of these times we shared.

Kiss everyone in heaven and give each one a big hug!

With all our love and devotion,

Jerry, Jill, Dale, Barry,
Loren, John, Mia-Hope,
Nicole, Kasey, Peyton,
Amy, Richard, Sarabeth,
Jessie, Jacob, and Mindy.
In honor of our
dear grandson

EZRA KRESS

Happy 18th Birthday!
We are so proud of you.
Keep smiling your radiant smile.

We love you,

Grandma & Grandpa Kress
To Our Wonderful Nephew Ezra,

We are so proud of the amazing young man that you have become.

Your smile, laugh and fantastic attitude always makes us feel AOK.

We love you,

Aunt Sherry & Uncle Ira
To our A-OK cousin

Ezra Kress:

We love you very much and are so proud to call you our cousin.

Love,

Brian, Lisa, Matthew, Faith, Shayna, Ari, and Iggy
In honor of

Evan White and Ezra Kress.

David & Betty Roth

Ezra Kress Booster
Sandy Starkman & Larry Pachter Starkman
Sam and Bebe,
You both grow stronger and more beautiful every year. We are very proud of the two of you.

Love,

Mom & Dad
In Honor of

Sam Landau

Pierre Landau & Katya Peterson

Sam Landau Booster
Ruth Reinhold

FD teaches us that we cannot hide from our problems and we should always celebrate our accomplishments.
In Honor of

Laurent Landau
IN MEMORY OF AUNT BESS

WE WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU

MARC, BRETT, AND BROOKE

WE ARE SORRY THAT WE NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW YOU.

LOVE YOUR GRAND NEPHEWS AND NIECE

ALEX, CARLY, JACKSON, AND RYDER
In Honor of
Rebekah Lieberman
Arlene and Howard Brilliant

Remembering Stephen Linker
Daniel and Claudette Kornfeld

Aaron Menzel Boosters
Rita Menzel & Raya McCook
Maija & Barry Nobel

No Tears: Life With FD

It feels like summer is finally here!

Yeah, but it's like "dysautonomia weather."

Sometimes it's calm, and then there's severe weather across the country.

You can never predict what's going to go wrong, and you just have to wait until it gets better.

Floods, droughts, tornadoes.

Wishing Sophie Meyers a fantastic rest of 8th grade and all the best in starting Stevenson High School!

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Fran and Bob Sachs

Corrie, Scott, Mackenzie and Brody Delevitt

Amy, Chris and Holly Etten
With Gratitude to

Gregg and Laura Meyers

for their efforts on behalf of the Dysautonomia Foundation.
To Sam Myers,

Our Receptionist and Program Associate at The Lower Eastside Girls Club of New York: We are so happy to have you on our team!

Feminists Forever!

XOXO, your co-workers, the girls and staff of the LESGC

www.girlsclub.org
In Honor of

Samantha Myers

No Tears: Life With FD

I just realized that in my dreams, I don’t have FD. Really?

Yeah, I’m just me, doing my usual stuff. But with no walker, no feeding tube, no medicines.

But you know what’s really weird? What?

In my dreams, it’s no big deal. I don’t even notice it. It’s like deep down inside, none of that stuff defines how I see myself.
In Honor of

Lisa and Jeff Newman
Rebecca,

We love you so much!

Aunt Florrie, Steve, Barbara, Sue and Rich

IN HONOR OF

REBECCA NEWMAN

Love from,

Phyllis & Peter Honig
In Honor of

Rebecca Newman

Lucille Newman & Family

In Honor of

Rebecca Newman

JNF Contracting Inc.

Best wishes to

Rebecca Newman

and her family

Rebecca Newman Booster
Edith F. Rubin

Remembering Arlene Osoff
Stephen and Shelley Shuman
In Memory of
Ellen Sue Nuger
1952-1957
The Nuger and Weinroth Families

In Honor of our Shining Star!

Dovi Porush

Dovi, you light up our lives in so many ways!
You show us every day - what courage really means!
You show us every day - what love is!
You show us every day - how to lead our lives with meaning and purpose!
You show us every day - that obstacles can be overcome. You show us every day - that challenges can be met! Dovi, you are our shining star!
You are our hero!
We love you more than words can express!

With all our love and admiration,
Savta and Zeidy Barg
Thank you, Jordan Jacobs,

for your Mitzvah project in honor of

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In Honor of
Jack Posnack!
In Honor of

Jack Posnack

Andrew & Jill Feldman

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The Ripps Family
Judy and Jerry Stashower
Sylvia and Gary Zuckerman
In Memory of

Adam Posnack
In Memory of

Carly Posner
In Loving Memory of My Sister

Carly Allison Posner

Dear Dr. Axelrod,
We miss you!

With deep gratitude to:
The Dysautonomia Foundation Inc.
Drs. Axelrod, Ditchek and Kaufmann and
Lucy Norcliffe-Kaufmann, PHD
For their dedication beyond the call of duty.
May they have much success in all their endeavors.

THE PROFESORSKE FAMILY
In Memory of

Evan Rackson
IN MEMORY OF OUR VERY FIRST GRANDCHILD

EVAN DAVID RACKSON

WHO HOLDS A VERY SPECIAL PLACE IN OUR HEARTS

IN HONOR OF

BRIAN PAUL RACKSON

THE ADORABLE GROWN-UP WITH A JOB

ALYSON MICHELE RACKSON

THE SWEETEST COLLEGE SOPHOMORE GRANDDAUGHTER WE ARE SO PROUD OF AND

FRAN AND ALAN RACKSON

WHO HAVE BLESSED US WITH THE MOST WONDERFUL GRANDKIDS IN THE WORLD!!!

With All Our Love – Always,

GRANDMA TAFFY & GRANDPA HY
In Memory of

Evan David Rackson

We honor his parents

Fran and Alan

the best parents and

Brian and Alyson

his brother and sister

All our Love,

Aunt Hannah, Kay, and Ronnie
James David Rader

November 11, 1964 - December 2, 1966

Love is not measured by Time

Your Family
For Always and Ever
Dear Ben Rainer & Family,

Sending you loving wishes and a Happy New Year.

Love,

Gram/Mom/Carol
In Memory of

Rachel Reich

Marea and Jeff Kahn

Lanie Roebuck Booster
Caroline and Robert Kanner

We Love You

Lanie
Zak Rosen

Deep in our hearts you'll always stay.
Loved and missed everyday....

Mom, Pop, & Samara
IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

EVAN ROBERT

AND

RICHARD DAVID

FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

LOREN AND SETH

ROSENTHAL
In loving memory of our dear friend

Evan Rosenthal


We are thankful for our wonderful memories of you and your special smile. We remember your compassion, kindness and courage with love. Thank you for being our friend. You are always in our hearts.

With love,

Debbie and Howard Hagen
Susan and Stephen Klein
Joan and Henry Kazer
Stephanie Greenberg and Dan Powers
and our families
In Loving Memory of Evan Rosenthal  

“There are stars up above  
So far away we only see their light  
Long, long after the star itself is gone.  
And so it is, with people that we love,  
Their memories keep shining, ever brightly  
Though their time with us is done.  
But the stars that light up the darkest night,  
These are the lights that guide us...  
As we live our days, these are the ways we remember ~  
We remember.”  

Memories of our Evan shine brightly every day,  
and we pause to remember our wonderful friend and courageous young man!  

You are Forever in Our Hearts  

Ronnie, Bob, and Daniel Powers  
Julie, Josh, and Abigail Lurie
In Honor of Andrew Sigman

I smile every time I think of the wonderful young man you have become. Your kind good nature and your compassion are wonderful attributes. Never lose your amazing spirit. I love you always.

Aunt Marsha

Whenever you smile we smile, Dylan Singer!
We wish you the best year ever!

Love, Aunt Risa, Uncle Dave, Dan, Kelly, Josh, Katie & Drew

Keep up with us online!

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In Honor of

Melissa and Michael Slive

For their tremendous efforts on behalf of the Dysautonomia Foundation
Dear Kyra,

Wishing you the very best!

Love,

Cousins Cindy and Peter

We support the Slive Family in their efforts to cope with and conquer FD.

Sue & Jerry Weinstein

Kyra Slive Boosters
Karen Kellerman and Peter Arakas
Susan and Howard Baumgarten
Bea Kellerman
Marlene Brown and David McMillin
Brian,

You are loved and admired more than you can imagine!

Penny & Perry Berger & Family
IN HONOR OF

BRIAN SOLOMONS,
STEVEN WEXLER,
AND SCOTT FASS

WE PROUDLY SUPPORT THE RESEARCH EFFORTS OF FD.

ILENE & PAUL PEARLMAN & FAMILY
Dear Brian,

We are so proud of you. Your courage is our inspiration.

Love,
Mom & Dad

In honor of

Brian Solomons

His long fight and great success

Mark & Joan Haberman
In honor of

Scott and Sheryl Haberman

Best of Luck Finding a Cure

Jonathan & Cathy Miller
In honor of
Brian Solomons and family

with best wishes for a happy and healthy new year.

Love,
The Siskind Family
We salute your efforts to improve the lives of those living with dysautonomia.

Toby and Josh Werber

In honor of

Brian Solomons
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cohen

In honor of

Scott & Sheryl Haberman

Lisa and Lon Goldstein
IN HONOR OF
BRIAN SOLOMONS

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for their many years of dedication and support.
IN HONOR OF PETER L. SONENSHEIN

ARTIST, SPORTSMAN AND INCREDIBLY KIND
NEPHEW AND COUSIN

WITH ALL OUR LOVE,

GAIL, LINC, DINA, ADAM, JENNA, SAMANTHA
AND JACK
In Honor of

The Sonenshein Family

All good things for

PETER SONEN SHEIN

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In Memory of

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YOUR PROGRESS – YOUR SMILING FACE
YOUR WONDERFUL WAYS
BRIGHTEN OUR HEARTS AND OUR DAYS
WE LOVE YOU
SIMI STEINER
Aunt Chava Sternfeld
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Cousins Miriam Sara & Yitzchok Rosenberg & Family

In loving memory of
Bryan Sunderland

The Hasday Family

IN MEMORY OF

Michelle Renee Waldman
No Tears: Life With FD

If you could have just one super power, what would it be?

Super strength!  Flying!

To know what someone is thinking.

The ability to cure any disease.

Why did you pick that one?

They can have all those super powers, but when they get sick, they'll realize what's most important.
Steve,

The way you face each day with courage and optimism inspires us both.

We love you,
Stef and Bryan
Did you know Steven's my hero?
There ain't nothing to hold him back.
He wakes up every day with a smile on his face,
it's true
And Steven's my friend....."

We love you, Steven !!!!!!!

Love,
The Diton Family
Lori, Eric, Alyssa & Adam
We proudly support the work of the FD Foundation.

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Start by doing what’s necessary; then do what’s possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible.

- Francis of Assisi

With friendship and hope, from our family to yours.

Jahn and Sabrina Levin and Family
In Honor of

Steven Wexler

and the Wexler Family

Leslie and Michael Rosenberg
In honor of

STEVEN WEXLER

--an amazing young man--

And his wonderful family

For their strength and determination
and diligent work
In the war against Dysautonomia

Betty Wank
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and Family
Steven Wexler
You're the Best!
We Love You!
The Segal Family
To Steven and his family

We’re always thinking of you. We admire your courage, strength and warmth always.

Pamela, Bruce, Zachary and Jake

We Are All Very Grateful for the ground breaking work of the Foundation.

Home Care For Children
In honor of

Steven Wexler

From

The McGuffog Family

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Dear Steven:

We truly admire your courage and perseverance. May this year bring only good things... health, happiness and a bright smile each and every day!

Love,

Mark and Rachel
In honor of
Steven Wexler and Family
Karen, Paul, Stefani, and Bryan

Ilene Rosenzweig

In Honor of
Steven Wexler
Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Cohen

Our Sincere Gratitude to the
Wexler Family and
everyone at the FD Foundation
for their hard work and tireless efforts.

The Gropper Family

Dear Steven,
You are special. Your accomplishments are very praiseworthy.
We are very proud of what you have done and what you will
continue to achieve.

Best Wishes Always
Monty and Florentina Jacobson
With admiration that words cannot express.
In honor of a true hero:

Steven Wexler

Richard Kopelman

Steven

Wishing You Lots of Happiness in 2016!!

Leslie Kravetzky

God Bless You

Steven and
The Wexler Family!

All the Best,
The McGrail Family

ALL OF OUR LOVE
TO THE WEXLERS

Dayle, Carl, Michael, Amy & Zack
Best wishes

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No Tears: Life With FD

Explanation of benefits, doctor's bills, prior authorizations, referrals...

Appeals of insurance decisions, arranging diagnostic tests, scheduling doctors appointments...

Most people realize that living with a chronic disease is challenging just to get the symptoms under control.

But they don't realize that it's also a full time job to manage the paperwork, appointments, and payments.

Why does healthcare have to be so complicated?

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Michael Zauder
Remembering Michael Zauder
Sharona and Stephen Katz
Eva and Joel Zuller

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1961-2006
ETERNALLY LOVED AND MISSED
Always---Your Mom

Brett Zinman 1961-2006
I thought of you today and yesterday too. Memories, pictures in a frame, a special tune. Ten years have past, years like minutes. A sibling’s bond, Everlasting

Love is like standing on wet cement.
The longer you stay, the harder it is to leave, and you can never let go without leaving your footprints.
In Honor of

Michael Zucker

Aunt Sandy and Uncle Sid

In honor of

Sarah Zucker

Love,
Wendy, Mike, Josh, Larry & Kiva
Proud to be a supporter in the search for a cure

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Your efforts make all our good work possible.

Thank you!
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For their hard work and dedication to the

19th Annual FD Golf Classic

Glen Oaks Club, Old Westbury, NY
May 18, 2015
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For his generous commitment of time and effort to create and run the

SoulCycle for FD

New York, NY
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For their hard work and dedication to the

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