

DSG 2008 PROJECTS UNDER MISSION STATEMENT

AWARENESS, SUPPORT & OUTREACH

BOOKMARKS - Reprinted 90,000 new bookmarks & purchased 200 add'l Counter-top Lit Holders. Distributed 75,000 bookmarks & 308 Lit Holders to 312 AL public libraries and 24 Community College libraries/bookstores who agreed by email to display same. Lit holders with 200 or 300 bookmarks each put on display at all locations. *Note: Example of success of this annual project is last year one bookmark found its way to a nun in a Catholic monastery in Cullman, AL who has since joined DSG.*

AWARENESS WEEK - Obtained Gov. Riley's proclamation of week of June 1, 2008 as ALABAMA DYSTONIA AWARENESS WEEK. Sent Press Release to all Alabama daily & weekly papers thru AL Newspaper Advertising Assn facilities. No count on extent of publication.

DISPLAY BOOTH - Made good use of our fold-out table-top Display Booth on-line, which is a real eye-catcher:

June 1, 2008 - Pell City Block Party - Booth manned by 1 Pell city member.

Sept 27-21 - Shelby County Fair - Booth Display for 1 week.

Vs dates - Set up display at Rotary Club meetings when DSG had speakers.

OUTREACH: Updated our "canned slide presentation for DSG members to make presentations (outline, visual aids & hand-out kits) using our overhead projector/screen and prepared "presentation outline" for Civic Clubs.

Pat Wyatt spoke to Chelsea Kiwanis club mid-Awareness Week, and to Homemakers Club meeting w/30 attendee's.

MISCELLANEOUS - DSG purchased 3 DVD copies of TWISTED including film-makers PAID permission to show to audiences if no charge made. Films checked-out from KLW as loaners tp members on several occasions too numerous to outline.

MEDICAL COMMUNITY - Prepared and mailed 285 awareness kits to B'ham metro PCP's and 105 to OB/GYN's (often the PCP for females).

NEW MEMBER KITS - Were contacted by 24 persons who "suspected" they had Dystonia. Thru screening by email/phone & letters determined the following 12 were potential new members & sent each an extensive packet of information titled "New Member Kit".

SUPPORT/AWARENESS CONTACT

2/10/08	Jim Albergast - Tuscaloosa, AL
3/07/08	joyfitch@charer.net
4/02/08	Pat Hyde - Crozet, VA
5/21/08	Mike Davis - Boaz, AL
8/25/08	Margaret Reed - B'ham, AL
7/15/08	Patsy Seales - Alabaster, AL
7/15/08	Janice Bennett - Oak Hill, WV
10/28/08	Cliff Collier - cpcollier@charter.net
10/31/08	sheilahaun@yahoo.com.sg (for sister)
11/13/08	Angie Ranburn - Mantachie, MS 38855
12/23/08	rcox3362@yahoo.com (from Montgomery - daughter)
12/23/08	Ken Smith - Cullman, AL

AWARENESS SUCCESS IS MEASURED ONE PATIENT AT A TIME
MEDICAL RESEARCH & FUND RAISING

FINANCIAL HI-LIGHTS:

We began the year with \$1,190.28 cash in bank....and ended the year with \$1,341.88 cash in bank after funding the following:

TOTAL MONIES RAISED		\$25,463.00
SENT DMRF FOR MEDICAL RESEARCH *		\$13,000.00
FUNDED ALABAMA DYSTONIA SCHOLARS ++		\$10,000.00
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES (9.1%)		
Postage	\$ 582.98	
Computer ink/paper	306.17	
Web-Site	119.50	
Awareness Projects	<u>1,303.75</u>	
		\$ 2,312.40

(*) DMRF is currently funding 2 major Dystonia research projects at UAB, partly due to our local fund raising efforts.

(**) Pays a stipend and lab expenses for 2 undergraduate students at University of Alabama biology department who work summers in the Caldwell Research Lab, fondly called the Worm Shack because they use glow worms in their research. A license cooperation for one new dystonia drug has already been sign with an Australian pharmaceutical company.

DONATIONS:

Donations are actively solicited for DSG's AWARENESS & ADMINISTRATIVE expenses. Also, to the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation for Medical Research. Donations are tax deductible - Tax ID #95-337526.

Donations to the Alabama Dystonia Scholars are payable to University of Alabama - Biology Department - Tax ID #63-6001138.

Mail all donations to: Dystonia Support Group of AL/B'ham
 Administrative Location
 216 Oakmont Circle
 Birmingham, AL 35244

Receipts will be promptly mailed to all donors for tax purchases.

**There's no known cause nor cure for Dystonia, yet
It's the 3rd most common neurological movement disorder
after Parkinson's & Essential Tremor.
With Gov't funding of the Nat'l Institutes of Health being
reduced,
even ongoing research projects involving 25 researchers in
Alabama won't continue without your help.**