

WORKING TOWARDS A CURE

The National Ataxia Foundation (NAF) was founded in 1957 to search for a cause and cure for Ataxia. This continues to be at the heart of the organization today. Ataxia is a devastating disease that negatively impacts peoples' lives. NAF is a world leader in the Ataxia research field. using national and global collaboration to further research efforts.

We exist to improve the quality of life for persons with Ataxia and their caregivers through research, support group services, and education about managing their disease. NAF builds connections in the Ataxia community and empowers people to make the best choices possible to live better.

Advances in Ataxia science are happening rapidly. The support of our community is crucial, both from our donors and families, as we come closer to having effective treatment options available. NAF is taking a leadership role in helping pharmaceutical companies and education research institutes with recruiting efforts for research studies and clinical trials.

Your support helps us move Ataxia research forward. We will not stop until there is a cure.

A special thank you to our donors, Support Group Leaders, Ambassadors, volunteers, organization partners, researchers, and clinicians.
Your impact on the

Ataxia community is unparalleled and greatly appreciated. We look forward to another year of big advances in Ataxia research and support.

Bill Sweeney

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NAF Mission:

The National
Ataxia Foundation
is dedicated to
improving the lives
of persons affected
by Ataxia through
support, education,
and research.





RESEARCH

27

Research Initiatives Funded \$1,172,387

Spent Funding Research Initiatives

1,743

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Total People Enrolled in the Ataxia Patient Registry

CLINICAL RESEARCH CONSORTIUM FOR THE STUDY OF CEREBELLAR ATAXIA

A cooperative initiative to improve Ataxia research and prepare for clinical trials. The consortium works together to study the natural progression of Ataxia and develop effective measurement guidelines for Ataxia research.



13 Sites Funded Nationwide



1 New site added in 2018

Sites: Columbia University, Emory University,
Houston Methodist Research Institute, Johns
Hopkins University, Massachusetts General,
Northwestern University, University of Arizona,
University of California, University of Chicago,
University of Florida, University of Michigan,
University of Minnesota, University of Utah





IMPACT

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

26

Ataxia Awareness Events 57

Ataxia Support Groups in 41 States and 3 Countries 193

Ataxia Support Group Meetings Held

2018 ANNUAL ATAXIA CONFERENCE

Every year, NAF coordinates the world's largest annual Ataxia gathering. For two days, conference attendees meet and learn from world-leading Ataxia researchers and clinicians, network, and reunite with old friends. Hundreds of people –from patients, to caregivers, to medical professionals –attend the conference.



531 Attendees | from 37 States | 6 Countries



32 Travel Grant Recipients



22 Birds of a Feather Sessions Provided

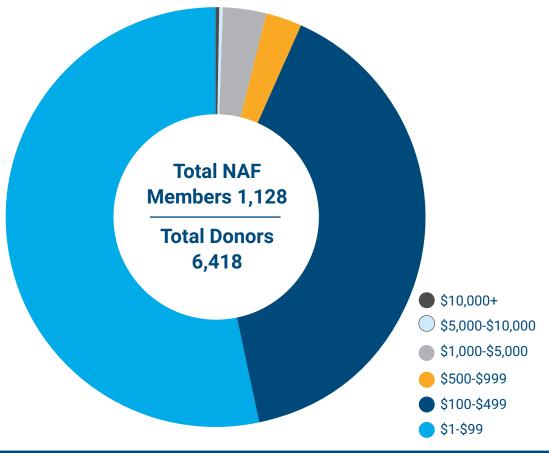






Our donors make it possible to fund Ataxia research and offer support and education services to the Ataxia community. We are grateful for our supporters and will continue to utilize your donations to fulfill our mission to improve the lives of persons affected by Ataxia.





Corporate Partners

A generous group of corporations chose to partner with NAF in 2018, providing much needed support.

\$25,000+

Biohaven Pharmaceuticals

\$10,000 - \$25,000

Albert Frei & Sons

Biogen

Cadent Therapeutics

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Insurance Company

Takeda Pharmaceutical Company

\$2.500 - \$4.999

Greenways Landscape Services

Hometrust Mortgage

Retrophin

\$1,000 - \$2,499

APDM

Amazon Smile Shopping program

Ataxia UK

Cetera Advisor Networks

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Foundations

NAF was awarded numerous grants from foundations in 2018. We thank them all for their generous support and commitment to our mission.

\$100.000+

Gordon & Marilyn Macklin

Foundation

\$25,000+

Anonymous

Clementz Foundation

\$10.000 - \$25.000

Babcox Family Foundation Leader Family Foundation

\$5,000 - \$9,999

The Marcon Foundation Inc.

Rotary Foundation

\$2.500 - \$4.999

JP Morgan Chase Foundation The Saint Paul Foundation

\$1,000 - \$2,499

The CarMax Foundation The Community Foundation

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Foundation

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Marcie L Anthone Charitable Fund

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Virginia Lucas Charitable Fund

Community Giving Platforms

Although NAF does not receive individual donor information, we do want to recognize these Community Giving Platforms that contributed to us in 2018.

\$100.000+

Facebook

\$25.000+

United Way

\$5.000 - \$9.999

Benevity Community Fund

YourCause

\$2,500 - \$4,999

Combined Federal Campaign Network for Good

Paypal Giving Fund Schwab Fund for Charitable Giving

TRUIST

\$1,000 - \$2,499

Allstate Giving Campaign **Community Health Charities** Cybergrants StateStreet **Thrivent Choice**

Travelers Community Connections

Individuals

Our generous donors allow NAF to continue our important work funding critical research and support services. These caring individuals who contributed at least \$1,000 are listed below

\$50,000+

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COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING

Each year, volunteers that want to take an active role in supporting NAF's mission dedicate their time to organize fundraising events across the country. Their time and efforts allow NAF to continue leading the fight against Ataxia.



WALK N' ROLL

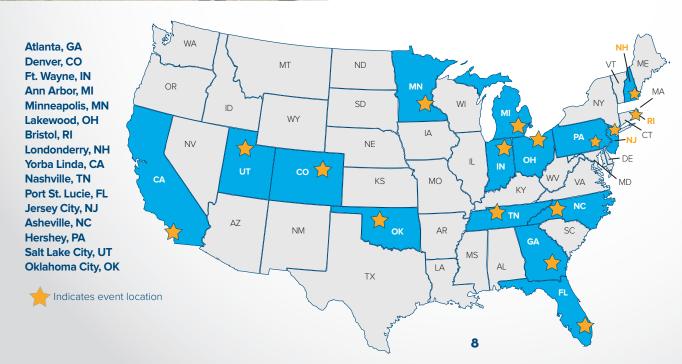
Walk N' Roll to Cure Ataxia is NAF's largest grassroots fundraising event. Coordinated entirely by volunteers, Walk N' Roll brings together thousands of people each year to help fight Ataxia. Our volunteers, walkers, rollers, and donors have raised more than \$3,120,000 since 2007! Thank you for your support and commitment to support NAF's mission.

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Walk N' Roll
to Cure Ataxia
Events Held

2,703 \$443,890

Donations

Raised





Go the Extra Mile
479 \$73,482
Participants Raised



Passion Fundraising 8 \$53,075
Events Raised

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SUPPORT & REVENUE

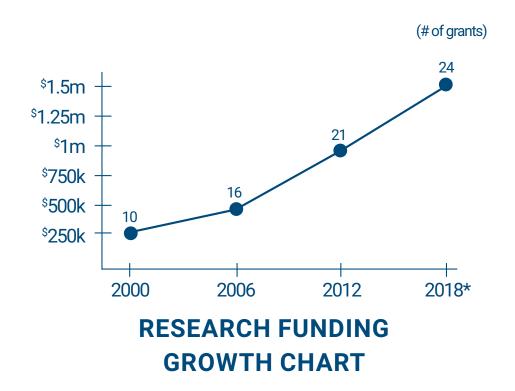
Total	2,456,274
Other Income	(38,148)
Conference Income	218,595
Memberships	78,371
Contributions	2,197,456

EXPENSES

Research	489,575*
Education and Service	515,613
Management and General	348,965
Fundraising	357,103
Total	1,711,256*

NET ASSETS

Change in Net Assets	745,018
Net Assets, beginning	2,758,662
Net Assets, ending	3,503,680
Total Assets	3,678,521
Total Liabilities	174,841
Total Net Assets	3,503,680



^{*}Due to a change in the timing of NAF's research grant approval process, \$1,079,500 of 2018 research grant awards were not paid until Q1 2019. This resulted in a positive net income for the organization in 2018. This is a one-time event.



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