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MDF Dispatch



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DM2 Patients and Statins: New Research

A recently released study identifies the gene that may be responsible for increased side effects in DM2 patients taking statins to lower cholesterol. Katharine Hagerman, PhD, Research Associate at Stanford University Neuromuscular Division and Clinics, provides MDF with a summary of the study conducted at the University of Helsinki in Finland. [Click here](#) to read more.

The Christopher Project Patient Survey Launched

Last week MDF mailed over 1,000 surveys to a sampling of community members as part of the Christopher Project. The Christopher Project is a collaborative research effort aimed at developing a shared understanding among patient advocacy organizations, clinical research centers, patients and family members of the complex medical needs of DM1 and DM2 patients. [Click here](#) to read more.



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500 Voices for
DM Advocacy



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500 Voices Campaign Launches with SpeakingPhoto



MDF has launched a new and innovative partnership with [SpeakingPhoto](#), the iPhone and Android mobile app that lets you turn your pictures into audible short stories.

MDF has joined with SpeakingPhoto to amplify our 500 Letters Advocacy Campaign.

With this exciting tool, available for free on iTunes and Google Play, our 500 Letters Advocacy Campaign has become the [500 Voices Campaign](#). Together, we've made recording your 30-second advocacy message easy by providing you simple, step-by-step instructions, along with sample scripts for you to personalize or modify.

Submit your SpeakingPhoto by July 11 and be entered to win a new MDF iPhone cover or the all-new MDF t-shirt! [Click here](#) to read more.

Movement in the House on the MD-CARE Act

Last week the House of Representatives' Energy & Commerce Health Subcommittee marked up the MD-CARE Act and voted to advance the bill! This is the first crucial step toward passage. The bill will now move on to the full committee for debate and voting, then onto the House floor. For more information on the bill's movement and what you can do to help, [click here](#).



Events and Announcements:

[Dysphagia Recipe Contest: Submit Your Favorite Recipes Today!](#)

[Enlightened Wellness Open House & MDF Fundraiser in St. Paul, MN June 27](#)

[Virtual Caregiver Support Group, "Caregiver Burnout," with Marty Benner June 28](#)

[Buffalo Wild Wings Dine Out for DM in Coon Rapids, MN June 30](#)

[Participate in the 2nd Annual Grandparents Campaign!](#)

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