



eNewsletter

HISTIOCYTOSIS ASSOCIATION

-- December 2024

We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Welcome to the December Newsletter. In this issue we'll talk about how an ambassador honored histio angels, some of our staff met hematology doctors at a conference, and an exciting new regional meeting coming up this next month.

Awareness

Honoring Histio Angels

On December 11th, Histio Ambassador Nate Milam proudly represented the Histio Community when he took the stage as Co-Emcee of the Rare Voice Awards, hosted by the EveryLife Foundation celebrating advocates who amplify the voices of the rare disease community in policy.

Nate seized the opportunity of this special honor to raise awareness of histiocytic disorders on a larger stage, with a personal focus on honoring the memory of histio warrior angels. It was especially important to him that these brave warriors were represented, so he designed and wore a tie featuring symbols of histio angels shared by their family members. This heartfelt tribute added a deeply meaningful touch to the evening as Nate took the stage for this important advocacy event, ensuring their memory was with him every step of the way.

Get to know more about Nate by visiting his ambassador profile [here!](#)



Histio Awareness at ASH Conference

The Histiocytosis Association partnered with the Histiocyte Society to raise awareness of histiocytic disorders at the American Society of Hematology (ASH) annual conference in San Diego, California from December 6 - 9. Team members and Histo Ambassadors were present to educate the medical community about the work of the Histiocyte Society and the valuable patient resources available offered by the Histiocytosis Association. They distributed QR code postcards, encouraging physicians to join our network and utilize our resources to better support their patients.



Resources

Beyond the Diagnosis Podcast

Executive Director's Letters Blog



Episode 073 of the Beyond the Diagnosis Podcast is now available. In



This month in the Executive Director's Letters Blog, Deanna recapped the second Social

this episode we share the first part of a replay of our 2024 HopeCast, originally broadcast on Giving Tuesday. In this episode, you'll hear from members of the Histo community about the initiatives driving progress and bringing hope throughout the year. Meet patients, families, clinicians, and scientists as they share their experiences and insights.

Click the link below to listen or find it wherever you listen to podcasts!

Security Beyond the Diagnosis episode: Children and SSI Benefits.

Learn about obtaining Social Security benefits for the young histio warrior in your life.

[Listen Now](#)

[Read the Blog Here](#)

Events



We're thrilled to announce that we're partnering with the histiocytosis team at Texas Children's Hospital to host a [FREE and informative regional education meeting](#) in Houston, Texas on Saturday, January 18th!

You'll learn directly from **leaders in histiocytosis care and research on each of the histiocytic disorders in both children and adults**.

Featuring talks from Dr. Carl Allen, Dr. Ken McClain, Dr. Olive Eckstein, and more.

This regional meeting offers a supportive environment where you can learn, connect, and feel comforted knowing you are part of a larger, caring histiocytosis community.



[Register Today](#)

[Save the Date](#)



Mark your calendar for the 16th Annual Histo Hike Shenandoah, happening in Shenandoah National Park from April 25-27. Join families from the Histo community for a weekend of fun, hiking, connection and support in the stunning mountains of Virginia. Bring the whole family and prepare to be inspired by this unforgettable experience.

For more information on how you can participate in the Histo Hike, please contact Allie McFadden at events@histio.org.

Thank You

Thank you for your support in making 2024 a strong year for the Histo community. Your contributions have made significant progress possible, and we are excited to enter the new year, filled with even more hope and advancements. We're already planning to kick off new year on a high note and continue building on the progress we've made together!

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