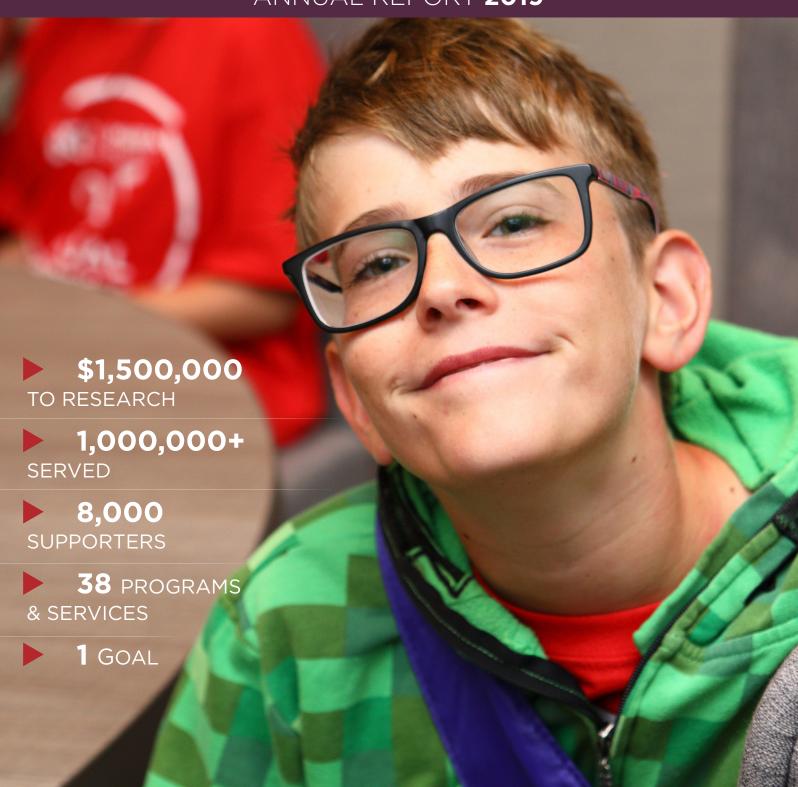


### **ANNUAL REPORT 2019**



**The Marfan Foundation's** mission is to save lives and improve the quality of life of individuals with Marfan syndrome, Vascular Ehlers-Danlos, Loeys-Dietz, and other genetic aortic conditions.



# PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Meaningful programs and services are at the heart of how we improve the lives of those affected by Marfan, VEDS, Loeys-Dietz, and other genetic aortic conditions every day. Each year, we serve more than one million individuals through our programs and services. This includes over 3,000 requests that are sent to the Help & Resource Center where each one is answered with the compassion and understanding that those struggling with rare conditions most need.

Our programs reach beyond education and awareness, and build connections that are integral in supporting the physical, mental, and emotional well-being of each person we serve.

**Thanks to the generosity of individuals and organizations like you**, the Foundation's programs and services built a brighter future for people affected by Marfan, VEDS, Loeys-Dietz, and other genetic aortic conditions in 2019.



**3,000** INQUIRIES A YEAR

# HELP & RESOURCE CENTER

We believe everyone with a genetic aortic condition should have easy access to trustworthy and compassionate guidance and information. In our community, answers and support are literally a call or email away.



1,500 ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

We believe that the latest education and information about Marfan, VEDS, Loeys-Dietz, and other genetic aortic conditions should be easily available. Regional Symposiums and webinars bring together experts and those who need their information the most.



**536** ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

# ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We believe that Annual Conference is the most powerful way we can support our community of patients, caregivers, and physicians. People of all ages and experiences connect at Annual Conference to build networks of support that last a lifetime.



**145** ATTENDEES THIS YEAR

### CAMP VICTORY

We believe that summer camp is a wonderful way to normalize a childhood that includes a genetic aortic condition. Nothing can build confidence and spark joy like swimming, archery, and boating with new friends in a safe and accommodating environment.



# RESEARCH

The Marfan Foundation research grant program reflects our commitment to advancing medical and quality of life issues for people with Marfan syndrome and related conditions. Additionally, the Foundation continues to fund two critical long-term projects, the Aortic Valve Sparing Operative Outcomes Study and the Marfan and Related Conditions International Patient Registry, which is a collaboration with Backpack Health.

In 2019 The Marfan Foundation granted \$1.5 million in research, with half of it for new grants that will address issues for people with Marfan syndrome, thoracic aneurysm syndrome, and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome. They are in the areas of exercise, lung function, gastrointestinal issues, and cardiovascular disease.

**Thanks to the ongoing support of donors and the medical community,** opportunities for progress continue to expand for the Marfan and related conditions community.

### **2019 GRANTS**

#### **▶** Faculty Grants

**Enid Neptune, MD** – Johns Hopkins University \$100,000 2-year grant

**Dieter Reinhardt, PhD** - McGill University \$100,000 2-year grant

**Irani Kaikobad, MD** - University of Iowa \$100,000 2-year grant

#### Early Investigator Grant

**Benjamin Landis, MD** - Indiana University \$75,000 2-year grant

#### ► Victor McKusick Fellowship Grants

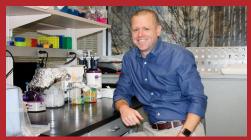
**Aline Verstraeten, PhD** - University of Antwerp \$100,000 2-year grant

**Abhijnan Chattopadhyay, PhD** - University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston \$100,000 2-year grant

#### Clinical Research Grants

Joanne DiFrancisco-Donoghue, PhD, RCEP New York Institute of Technology \$100,000 2-year grant

**Shaine Morris, MD, MPH** - Baylor College of Medicine and Texas Children's Hospital \$100,000 2-year grant



"The award from The Marfan Foundation will help propel my career as a physician-scientist committed to improving the condition of patients with aortopathy."



"The translational nature of this project may result in nutritional recommendations for individuals with Marfan syndrome in the longer term."

DIETER REINHARDT, PhD - MCGILL UNIVERSITY



"The project's anticipated outcomes are expected to significantly improve current thoracic aortic aneurysm insights and patient management."

ALINE VERSTRAETEN, PhD - UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP MCKUSICK FELLOWSHIP

# OUR SUPPORTERS

We are fortunate to have the trust and support of organizations and individuals who help lead the way to achieving our mission. People like you provide the everyday support we need to create a better world for individuals living with Marfan, VEDS, Loeys-Dietz, and other genetic aortic conditions. Because of you, our past, present, and future is making a daily impact.

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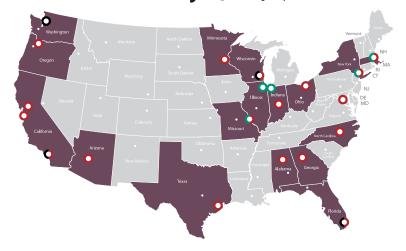
VOLUNTEERS

### POWER OF COMMUNITY

Walks, special events, & symposiums fuel connections from coast to coast

**EVENTS IN 17 STATES** 

- 18 Walks for Victory
- 7 Special Events
- 4 Symposiums





### WALK FOR VICTORY

3,000 individuals joined Walk for Victory in 2018, raising \$750,000 toward creating a brighter future for those affected by Marfan and genetic aortic conditions.

But Walk for Victory is more than an opportunity to raise financial support - it helps individuals connect with a supportive and passionate community that understands life with a genetic aortic condition.

### **FUNDING MIX**

Through strategic partnerships, volunteer efforts, and your continued support, The Marfan Foundation is able to strategically leverage each dollar in support of our mission, guided by our values.

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Please visit Marfan.org/ 2019AnnualReport for a full set of audited financials and supplemental Annual Report information.

#### **REVENUE EXPENSES** Major Fundraising Gifts In-kind Contributions Research 27% & Grants Management & General Net Special Event **37%** Other Contributions 12% Investment Patient Income 6% Direct Response Services Public 25% Conferences & Community Information Events 5% 14%

ORGANIZATION AWARDS











### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Year Ended June 30, 2019	Year Ended June 30, 2018
Changes in net assets:				
Revenues and gains:				
Major contributions	\$ 888,007	\$ 500,120	\$ 1,388,127	\$ 1,145,596
Other contributions	591,211	-	591,211	403,476
Direct response	254,832	-	254,832	283,922
Community events	251,589	9,065	260,654	188,242
Conferences and symposia	113,490	-	113,490	210,989
Net investment income	278,534	-	278,534	299,139
Events, net of expenses of \$440,331			-	
and \$411,134, respectively	1,922,784	-	1,922,784	1,955,023
Change in value of beneficial interest				
in charitable remainder trust	-	21,825	21,825	45,559
Gifts in-kind	310,452	-	310,452	323,108
Net assets released from restriction	1,332,075	(1,332,075)	<del>_</del>	
Total revenues and gains	5,942,974	(801,065)	5,141,909	4,855,054
Expenses:				
Program service expenses:				
Research initiatives and grants	2,231,543		2,231,543	2,271,491
Education and public awareness	816,548		816,548	830,703
Patient services and annual conference	1,456,376		1,456,376	1,378,835
Total program service expenses:	4,504,467		4,504,467	4,481,029
Supporting services:				
Management and general	525,714		525,714	525,590
Fundraising	737,325		737,325	682,224
Total supporting service expenses:	1,263,039	<del>_</del>	1,263,039	1,207,814
Total expenses	5,767,506		5,767,506	5,688,843
Increase (decrease) in net assets	175,468	(801,065)	(625,597)	(833,789)
Net assets, beginning of the year	4,162,024	8,055,682	12,217,706	13,051,495
Net assets, end of year	\$ 4,337,492	\$ 7,254,617	\$ 11,592,109	\$ 12,217,706



### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

June 30, 2019 and June 30, 2018

		June 30, 2019		June 30, 2018
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	641,800	\$	777,754
Investments		6,552,335		6,438,849
Pledge receivables, net		2,775,803		3,373,109
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		212,186		171,431
Property and equipment, net		701,711		730,146
Beneficial interest in charitable remainder trust		1,087,721		1,065,896
Other assets		104,997		80,600
Total assets		12,076,553	_	12,637,785
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
Liabilities:				
Accrued liabilities		252,171		237,353
Deferred income		108,030		102,126
Other payables		104,997		80,600
Line of credit		19,246	_	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	_	484,444	_	420,079
Net Assets:				
Without donor restrictions:				
General		2,926,080		2,441,548
Board designated		1,411,412		1,720,476
With donor restrictions:		7,254,617	_	8,055,682
Total net assets		11,592,109		12,217,706
Total liabilities and net assets	\$	12,076,553	\$	12,637,785

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