

Every few days a baby boy is born with this DNA defect



The defect is in the 'X' Chromosome and it makes testosterone almost a poison to his body. Since there is no treatment or cure for this defect, he will grow up not knowing when the disease will begin to attack his motor neurons and muscles. Often it begins with painful cramping and uncontrollable muscle spasms. Over time it will attack most of his muscles often making it difficult to even swallow liquids.

Since the disease is very rare, it will often be misdiagnosed as ALS. As the disease progresses, the motor neurons will begin to die and the muscles will waste away. Eventually, he will most likely require a wheelchair to move around and possibly even a neck brace to hold his head up. Many will be forced into early retirement and almost every one of them will worry about the financial welfare of their families. Pneumonia will become as feared to him as any disease because of his inability to clear the lungs of phlegm. And, if he becomes a father, he will live with the knowledge and often the guilt that his daughters are carriers of this defect and will pass it on to future generations of his family.

The disease is Spinal Bulbar Muscular Atrophy; more commonly known as **Kennedy's Disease**. Every day small groups of dedicated researchers around the world are trying to find a treatment and cure for this disease. Unfortunately, funding for research of rare diseases like Kennedy's Disease has been drastically cut over the last few years. That is why **we need your help**.

We are the Kennedy's Disease Association. We are a California corporation recognized under the United States Internal Revenue Code 501(c)3 as a publicly supported non-profit organization. Our purpose is to educate others about this rare disease and to support further research. **Ninety percent (90%) of every dollar donated goes towards Kennedy's Disease research and education.**

Please support our efforts by making a charitable donation today. Checks should be made payable to the Kennedy's Disease Association and returned to me, mailed directly to the KDA, or you can use one of the other donation methods described on page two. The KDA will mail you a receipt within a couple of weeks. Thank you for your support.



To learn more about Kennedy's Disease: Visit the Kennedy's Disease Association web site at www.kennedysdisease.org or email us at info@kennedysdisease.org.

Here is how you can help today:

MAKE A DONATION

1. By Credit Card - Currently there are two ways of making a tax-deductible credit card donation. Both services use Secure Servers to process and route credit card payments to non-profit organizations.

a. Google Checkout –

Go to this web page: <http://www.kennedysdisease.org/help.html> and under Google Checkout click on the “Donate” button.

b. Network for Good –

Go to this web page: <http://www.kennedysdisease.org/help.html> and under Network for Good click on the “Click Here to make a Credit Card Donation”.

2. By Mail - Send a tax-deductible donation (check or money order) to:

Kennedy's Disease Association
P.O. Box 1105
Coarsegold, CA 93614-1105

3. By Stock Transfer - Make a stock transfer through www.ameritrade.com. To receive more information on this type of transaction contact the KDA at info@kennedysdisease.org.

4. In Remembrance - Remember the KDA in your will, living trust or memorial request.

5. Donate Your Time or Services - Get involved with the Kennedy's Disease Association. For more information, contact the KDA at info@kennedysdisease.org.

6. On-line Shopping – When you go shopping through this web page: http://www.kennedysdisease.org/help_shopping.html the company you buy from will donate a portion of the sale to the KDA. You must enter the company’s web page by clicking on the links shown on the above web page in order for the KDA to receive a donation.

Some of the companies supporting the KDA with this program are: Walmart, Amazon.com, 1-800-Flowers, Flowers.com, 1-800-PetMeds, Plow & Hearth, Lane Bryant, The Franklin Mint, Bionaire, Problem Solvers, and Giveline.

CANADIAN DONATIONS

Our Canadian friends can now make tax-deductible donations directly to a Canadian laboratory that is conducting Kennedy's Disease research. For details, go to: <http://www.kennedysdisease.org/help.html> and see the “Canadian Donations” section.