

ANNUAL REPORT 2013

PRISMS



PRISMS Launches Regional Rep Program

PRISMS is proud to announce a new program that will underscore its outreach to families worldwide. Much work was put into this program and the planning of it during 2013. The Regional Rep Program is made up of parent volunteers from around the world who provide support and information to newly diagnosed families, and also responds to families in their region who may have questions and concerns about SMS. The regional rep is the central point-of-contact for families in their region and may be the very first PRISMS/SMS contact that families may encounter. The “reps” may also

be involved in planning family get-togethers and picnics, and encourage fellowship between all the families in their region. We are confident that this program will cultivate a close SMS community and also provide a network whereby families can share strategies and information about SMS.

The regional reps are divided into regions in the United States, as well as Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Australia, and Russia. We have a listing of our reps on the PRISMS website under the tab “Family Support” and “Contact Another SMS Parent.” We hope that this

program will encourage more dialogue and friendship between our families and provide a deeper level of support. Our reps are very dedicated to the families and have a heart for this endeavor. We are fortunate to have such dedicated volunteers and recognize their commitment.

We look forward to hearing about the regional gatherings and will share those stories with our members.

President's Message

Randy Beall

Dear Supporters:

PRISMS was created to improve the lives of families affected by Smith-Magenis Syndrome. We provide much needed information and support and we sponsor research and foster partnerships with professionals to increase awareness and understanding of SMS. To achieve this mission, our community of researchers, medical professionals and volunteers work tirelessly and passionately. We appreciate the support of our donors and the people who have sacrificed to make our mission a reality. Here are some of our 2013 highlights:

- We began the development of a regional representative program that will roll out in 2014. It is our hope that this position will help us provide more local support and networking for our families.
- We continued to improve our website and also took steps to increase the security of our site.
- We continued our planning for the 2014 International Conference to be held in St Louis, MO in July 2014.
- We developed a new Awareness Committee. We also celebrated November 17th as SMS Awareness Day. Julia Hetherington is chair of this new committee.
- We updated our New Member Packet and redesigned the PRISMS brochure, a key tool to provide basic information about SMS and PRISMS. We also developed a new Compassion and Information card.
- We began work on an exciting new SMS Handbook publication which should be available at the 2014 conference.
- We provided new funding for SMS-related research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH).



- We began developing strategies to prompt professionals in the field to contribute articles related to various components of SMS. We also conducted a survey to assess the needs of our readers, (what articles they would like to see in future newsletters, ideas for columns, determine future authors for articles).
- We began development of a Spectrum database that collects information related to various topics, and provides information as to where we are producing most literature, where our needs are and where we may want to target in the future.
- We developed a fundraising strategy and a case statement for conference fundraising.
- We continued to work on our organizational structure and efficiency by updating our bylaws and job descriptions. We also improved our controls and reporting of fundraising events. We began to discuss hiring an Executive Director and succession planning for our executive leadership team.
- We recruited a new board member, Steve Corbett, to join our board as the Spectrum Journal Editor. And Percy Huston and Phil Ruedi were re-elected to another 3-year term.
- We created a Volunteer Coordinator position and recruited more volunteers to help us fulfill our mission. Percy Huston agreed to serve as our first Volunteer Coordinator.

Since 1993, PRISMS has served as the primary source of information and support helping affected families. Today, we serve not only those in the U.S., but families throughout the world. Together we are making a difference in the lives of so many!! Again, thank you for your continued support. I look forward to a great 2014 and seeing everyone at the conference.

Warm regards,

Randy Beall



Professional Advisory Board

Sarah H. Elsea, Ph.D., FACMG

As an internationally recognized group of basic scientists, educators and clinicians with expertise in SMS, PRISMS' ten-member Professional Advisory Board (PAB) serves to advise the PRISMS Board of Directors on medical, scientific, educational and therapeutic matters, and to assist in the education and research activities of the organization. Members include experts in genetics, healthcare, basic science, education, and policy who assist in the development of accurate and effective informational and promotional materials for Spectrum, the PRISMS website, and other publications. The PAB is focused on the dissemination of accurate medical information regarding diagnosis, management, education, and genetic counseling. Members of the PAB respond to inquiries directly from families, caregivers, educators, and healthcare providers, give presentations and provide consultations at the PRISMS conference, and provide comprehensive support to the broader community via the Smith-Magenis Syndrome GeneReviews.

The PAB reviews requests for research studies and any requests for access to our membership. We have a process of review that requires all studies have Institutional Review Board (IRB) approval in addition to critical review by members of the PAB for relevance to the membership. These procedures ensure that the studies are credible, safe, and appropriate for families. In 2013, published research improved our understanding of the molecular changes affecting sleep disturbance and circadian rhythm, studies explored social preferences and interactions among children with SMS, and animal model studies enhanced our knowledge of the metabolic disturbances observed in SMS. We also saw the development of improved, cost-effective techniques for diagnosis of SMS that will provide alternative means for diagnosis in regions of the world that may have fewer resources for diagnostic services.

Current research studies on neuronal stem cell creation and characterization, the cellular function of RAI1, and the complex relationship of RAI1 with other genes involved in neurodevelopmental disorders are underway by scientists around the world and will further enhance our understanding of this complex syndrome. Additional studies about speech and sibling concerns are also expected.

The PAB and the PRISMS Board of Directors together in 2013 took steps toward the creation of a patient registry and began discussions with pharmaceutical companies to enroll persons with SMS in clinical trials for medications to improve sleep and behavior. We continue to support the SMS Biobank in collaboration with Coriell Cell Repositories, an NIH funded entity that collects and stores DNA and cell lines for use in research of both rare and common disorders, providing much needed support for ongoing and future research studies to improve our understanding of SMS.

Funding of both novel and ongoing research endeavors is critical for improved support for families, caregivers, educators, and healthcare providers caring for anyone with Smith-Magenis Syndrome. Only through research can education, treatment, and management of SMS be improved. The PAB strives to bring the most current information and support to the members of PRISMS.

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Membership Report

John Mayer

At the end of 2013 there were 323 individuals or families who were members of PRISMS. Our membership is strong and we added 40 new families as members throughout the year.

Our member list shows that PRISMS serves families from across the country and around the world - to members from 45 states and 13 foreign countries. (For your information states without members are Hawaii, Iowa, Mississippi, Tennessee, and West Virginia.)

There are many benefits from membership including receiving timely, helpful, and new information via the Spectrum journal, the monthly e-blast, the PRISMS web site, and the PRISMS facebook page; the opportunity to make or strengthen a connection with others at our international conferences; by receiving materials for family members, teachers, and advocates; and much, much more.

2014 will be an important and exciting year. The many volunteers and Board members are deep in our work to prepare for the 8th international conference that will be held in St. Louis beginning Thursday, July 31 and running through Sunday, August 3, 2014. All of us hope you will make plans to attend and “meet us in St. Louis!”

Your membership dues provide the financial resources PRISMS needs to operate – and this support enables us to help families. The organization is here for our members, and we are able to do our job because of your support.

Thanks to all of you who are part of PRISMS. We truly value your membership and support.

And thanks to my colleagues in the PRISMS office and on the Membership Committee for their efforts: David and Denise Smith, Mary Kate McCauley, Scott and Maggie Miller, and Angela Williams.

Please note: membership dues are for the calendar year – January through December, regardless of the month you have joined. If you have any questions about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact me.

John Mayer
PRISMS Membership Chair

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An * after the name indicates a new member in 2013.

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Fundraisers 2013

In 2013 SMS families from across the country held events in their local area to raise money for PRISMS.

Jean Weil and family hosted their Annual Nickels for Nicco Corn Hole Tournament in Kentucky and collected more than \$6,000. Jeremy and Sylvia Farber raised over \$8,000 during a bowling fundraiser in San Antonio. Heather Michalski ran a marathon in Georgia and collected over \$10,000 in donations. Jill Wood raised more than \$2,500 during a “cut-a-thon” where people donated money to PRISMS in exchange for a haircut.

Yolanda Dasilva participated in a community yard sale and donated her proceeds to PRISMS. In Canada, Lilly Wilson’s grade school paid \$2 to wear their PJs to school on SMS day. Bill and Monica Mason hosted a golf outing in Cochranville, Pennsylvania with a \$4,050 donation.

Other successful fundraisers were held by Valerie Toke, Julia Hetherington, and Amanda Kurtz. Each and every fundraiser is valued by PRISMS and helps us meet our goals. We are grateful for the support.

PRISMS continues to host an online giving page at www.firstgiving.com/prisms and Gail Kopp opened a page in honor of her daughter’s Sweet Sixteen Birthday. In the past two years \$23,000 has been collected for PRISMS through this site. Families can post a paragraph about their child, upload a picture and share with families and friends through email and social media. Consider hosting a “Virtual Fundraiser” as

PRISMS focuses on raising funds to support the 2014 International Conference.

With the help of PRISMS volunteer, Michelle Lee, the PRISMS online store continues to sell SMS awareness items while collecting a portion of the proceeds. Visit www.cafepress.com/smithmagenis and order your stylish SMS clothing for this summer’s conference in St. Louis.

Ideas for fundraisers can be found on the PRISMS website. If you would like more information on how to host a fundraising event in your area, send an email to fundraising@prisms.org. Thanks to those many volunteers who helped make the past year a success!

Submitted by Tina McGrevy, Board Member



Financial Report

Philip Reudi

The financial position of PRISMS is the strongest in its history. PRISMS' financial goals include funding its continuing program services, supporting research opportunities and preparing for the 2014 Conference. Membership contributions, product sales and fundraisers are all important components of our strategy to fulfill these goals. 2013 was a non-conference year and the financial results of PRISMS were consistent with typical activity levels. Membership income increased about 3% over 2012 driven by an increase in the annual membership rate from \$30 to \$35. The slight drop in membership fees net of this price increase is typical of a post-conference year as membership peaks with conference attendance. Membership support in the form of fundraisers and donations was strong. Excluding one large donation designated to support the 2014 Conference, contributions increased 15% over 2012 levels. It is expected that PRISMS will draw down assets by at least \$55,000 to fund the 2014 Conference, and some planning expenses were already incurred in 2013. This deficit is lower than prior conference budgets due to better management of expenses. Importantly, this deficit incorporates a substantial increase in funds allocated toward family scholarships. Overall 76% of expenditures in 2013 were directly related to program expenditures and the 2014 Conference. PRISMS remains committed to its membership through the organization of the conference, program services and supporting research. The financial strength of PRISMS enhances its ability to meet its goals and the Board believes that this will be clear to the membership through the 2014 Conference and other resources that are being made available to families.

	<u>2012*</u>	<u>2013**</u>
Support and Revenue		
Conference Registrations	\$49,535	\$0
Product Sales	8,246	1,204
Contributions	127,781	67,800
Membership Fees	10,895	11,197
Interest Income	733	620
In-Kind Services	6,400	166
Assets Released from Restrictions	<u>6,535</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	210,125	80,987
Expenses		
Conference	113,367	7,700
Programs	30,467	34,955
Management and General	13,702	14,928
Fundraising	<u>5,136</u>	<u>4,045</u>
Total	162,042	61,628
Increase (Decrease) in Total Assets	42,405	19,359
Ending Cash	277,253	296,612
Ending Total Assets	288,093	307,452
	* Audited	
	** Unaudited	

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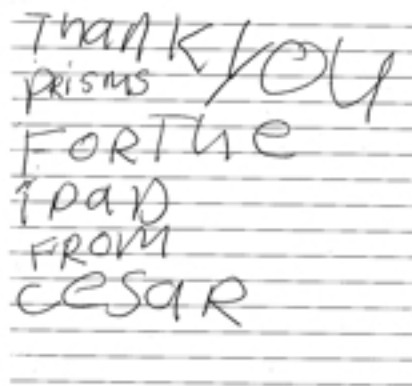
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Awareness Day 2013

PRISMS sponsored Smith-Magenis Syndrome Awareness Day, November 17, 2013. Any individual hosting a PRISMS awareness activity during the month of November could enter into a contest to win an iPad Mini. Many activities were held with wonderful success stories. Our winner was Yolanda DaSilva.



I'm always eager to share awareness of Smith-Magenis Syndrome. I found out that a local supermarket was hosting a yard sale. I inquired as to distributing information regarding SMS and they said it would be OK. I had a wonderful time selling items to raise funds for PRISMS and sharing information with area residents about my son, Cesar, and SMS.

When I was told that I could enter in a drawing to win an iPad, I prayed that I would win it so Cesar and I would be able to use it. I am very thankful to PRISMS for allowing Cesar and I to enjoy the iPad and also be active in sharing information about SMS.

Yolanda

Conference Report Maggie Miller



The PRISMS Conference brings together families of persons with Smith-Magenis Syndrome and professionals interested in “SMS” so that research information, medical, educational and therapeutic treatment strategies may be shared throughout the community in order to improve the lives of persons with SMS.

PRISMS 8th International Conference will take place this summer, July 31, 2014 - August 3, 2014 in St. Louis, MO. The PRISMS conferences are a powerful expression of the mission of PRISMS where parents and researchers come together every two years in a collaborative effort to share further research and promote awareness of SMS.

Planning for this conference began immediately after the 2012 conference ended and the committee has been busy ever since organizing the conference. We are very fortunate to have the same committee members planning the 2014 conference and are grateful for their ongoing dedication and commitment to planning another successful conference. The committee members include Nancy Cordrey, Shannon Jantzi, Nina Kelly, Margaret Miller and Amy Pereira. The Silent Auction will also take place at the conference and Lynne and Steve Baker are chairing the auction along with help from Heather and Dan

Wilde who organized the 2012 auction. Our local St. Louis help comes from Tracey and Dennis Dillon. Tracey and Dennis have been busy securing local speakers, volunteers and helping out in a variety of jobs. We are so appreciative of all of our volunteers who help to plan and execute the conference. The conference is the foremost program of PRISMS and requires tremendous effort and support. Many volunteers come together to share in this endeavor to provide a positive and educational experience for the attendees. We also applaud all of our conference sponsors and donors whose contributions support the financial costs of the conference.

The keynote speaker for this year’s conference is Brenda Finucane, M.S., CGC, PRISMS PAB Member. Brenda’s presentation is titled “From Single Syndromes to Shared Pathways: The Evolution of Behavioral Research in Genetic Neurodevelopmental Disorders.”

Other conference sessions will include information on:

- Navigating the conference and finding support along the way (for first- and second-time attendees)
- Transitioning to adulthood
- Nutrition to manage symptoms of SMS
- Education supports and strategies
- Special needs planning
- Behavior supports and interventions
- Research updates
- Technology in the classroom
- Speech and communication
- Sibling workshops
- Opening communication channels that encourage healthy relationships
- Sleep
- Advocacy in the educational system
- Siblings spotlight
- Medical management across the lifespan

We hope you will plan to attend and meet with families from across the globe. It is not just an educational conference, but also a celebration of our children! For more information on the conference, please visit the PRISMS website.

Committee members:
Shannon Jantzi, Nina Kelly, Margaret Miller, Amy Pereira, and Nancy Cordrey



Ryan Marshall Grant Update

The Ryan Marshall grant fund represents the personal efforts of Ryan Marshall to raise money for PRISMS to promote research of Smith Magenis Syndrome. In March 2013, PRISMS awarded \$13,130 to Ann C.M. Smith, M.A., D.Sc.(Hon), who leads the interdisciplinary SMS Research Team in the Division of Intramural Research of the National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI) at the National Institutes of Health, Bethesda, MD. The majority of the Ryan Marshall award is allocated toward partial support of the NIH post-baccalaureate intramural research training award (Postbac IRTA); these funds support 40% of a fulltime position to work on major SMS research initiatives as a research assistant under the supervision of Ann C.M. Smith, M.A., D.Sc.(Hon).

In July 2013, Folami Duncan, B.S. began a one year Postbac IRTA fulltime position with NHGRI, joining the interdisciplinary SMS Research Team (SMS-RT) to work with Dr. Smith on ongoing SMS research initiatives stemming from the two active

SMS protocols at NIH (01-HG-0109; and 07-HG-0076). Ms. Duncan's early experience with families and children with Smith-Magenis syndrome began after high school when she spent several summers with NHGRI under the NIH's 8-week Summer Internship Program (NIH-SIP). After completing a B.S. degree from Temple University in Philadelphia, Folami accepted the full-time position as Postbac IRTA to spend a year with Dr. Smith in NHGRI-NIH before pursuing further graduate training. Very quickly she assumed the role as research assistant and has been integrally involved in management and analysis of clinical data collected by SMS-RT investigators at NIH Clinical Center under the SMS natural history protocol (01-HG-0109) that will lead to future publications. As a pre-med major at Temple University, Ms. Duncan plans to pursue a career in medicine and begins medical school in summer 2014 at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN.



PRISMS Booklet

On the Road to Success with SMS: A Smith-Magenis Guidebook for Schools

By Barbara Haas-Givler and Brenda Finucane

PRISMS is happy to announce the first in a series of SMS resource booklets. The first booklet will be available for purchase this summer at the conference and available online.

Brenda Finucane and Barbara Haas-Givler, PRISMS Professional Advisory Board members, are the authors of the booklet. Brenda and Barb have vast knowledge and experience with the education challenges facing SMS individuals. They have spent many years traveling around the world advising parents and school systems on the positive supports needed for children with SMS and outlining best outcomes and interventions that support their success. Brenda and Barb have also consulted on residential placements and training of staff to ensure the successful transition and placement of the individual.

Brenda and Barb have detailed their experiences in this booklet and provide practical hands-on strategies that can be applied to diverse school settings. This booklet will be a valuable resource for both families and professionals who are caring for an SMS individual of any age.

PRISMS is proud to sponsor this new resource as an additional service to our members.

PRISMS Updated Brochure

New in 2013!

PRISMS released a new brochure in the fall of 2013. The new brochure includes updated and expanded information on Smith-Magenis Syndrome, as well as updated information on PRISMS and its programs. The PRISMS brochure also includes photos of our beautiful SMS individuals and it represents the PRISMS trademark and is cohesive with the PRISMS website.

The new brochure can be downloaded from the website. Go to the home page and click on SMS Awareness Tools. You may request brochures at info@prisms.org and we will also have brochures at the conference. The PRISMS brochure is a resource tool, for parents to share with doctors, teachers and family. It provides a snapshot of the aspects of the syndrome, as well as information on PRISMS and how we serve our members.

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