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## How You Can Help

The Myocarditis Foundation  
is seeking support to further  
its awareness efforts and to  
expand its research program.

Please contact us if you  
wish to help the Myocarditis  
Foundation save more lives  
from sudden cardiac death  
brought upon by the disease  
myocarditis.



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## The Myocarditis Foundation



MYOCARDITIS  
FOUNDATION



Working to end  
sudden death from  
myocarditis through  
research, awareness,  
and advocacy



## What is the Myocarditis Foundation?

The Myocarditis Foundation is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to providing information about myocarditis to medical professionals, patients, and families with the goal of saving more lives.

Myocarditis is often misdiagnosed and is a poorly understood disease, which can rapidly progress to heart failure and death.

The Myocarditis Foundation works to fund research to find better ways to diagnose, treat and prevent myocarditis from having

devastating effects on patients and their families around the world.

Since their establishment in 2005, the Myocarditis Foundation has awarded 21 research fellowship grants to young doctors in world-renowned university research facilities, with the shared goal of improving the care and medical outcome for patients affected by this devastating disease.

In addition to funding research, the Myocarditis Foundation takes great strides to increase the awareness of the disease myocarditis and its link to sudden cardiac related death in otherwise young, healthy people.

### Who does the Myocarditis Foundation serve?

The Myocarditis Foundation provides information and support to patients diagnosed with myocarditis, families who have lost a loved one to myocarditis, and medical professionals who are seeking information for their patients with myocarditis.

### How does the Myocarditis Foundation engage the medical community and the general public?

- Sponsors conferences, workshops, and lectures world-wide directed at patients, families, medical professionals, or professional heart disease groups
- Created a private and secure online research network to bring together and encourage the collaboration of researchers and physicians interested in and currently working on myocarditis research
- Maintains the only free and official myocarditis-specific website with features such as FAQ's, research findings, blog, newsletters, and real-life stories

### How does the Myocarditis Foundation spread awareness?

- Holds and supports fundraisers and awareness events around the world
- Sends myocarditis information to the medical community and the general public
- Uses newsletters, blogs, and social media to provide the most current information