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Your donation helps APFED fulfill its mission to support those living with eosinophil associated diseases. You can choose how your donations are used, or make a general donation to support the mission of APFED. If you have any questions, you may contact us at [mail@apfed.org](mailto:mail@apfed.org)

- ♥ Hope Research Fund (if you select this option, 100% of your donation goes to research)
  - ♥ Junior Faculty Hope Research Grants assist junior faculty at medical centers by providing research funding early in their career. The research generated by these grants then enables faculty to obtain larger grants, and encourages more physician-scientists to study eosinophilic diseases. Our first young investigator's research is leading to the development of a new treatment for eosinophilic esophagitis.
  - ♥ Trainee Grants assist doctor-scientists in training to present eosinophil related research at national and international meetings.
  - ♥ The Hope Research Fund will be self-sustaining with your help. As the fund grows, we can award larger research grants to more researchers. All grants undergo a rigorous blinded peer-review process by other researchers to ensure your dollars will be best used to support successful projects of importance to our community.
  
- ♥ Awareness
  - Our community now has a voice due to APFED's work. By working with physicians at multiple academic centers, and with professional societies and governmental agencies, we can reach our common goals.
    - APFED holds a seat on the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Lay Organizations Committee, the American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Lay Organizations Committee and the AAAAI Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorders Task Force.
    - APFED is an invited participant on the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) Food Allergy Clinical Guideline Coordinating Committee.
  - The cost of attending these meetings is covered by the individual or the invited organization. Your contributions will ensure that we can continue to represent the interests and needs of our community across the spectrum of medical societies, institutions and governmental agencies.
  
- ♥ Education
  - APFED offers patient education conferences and educational materials for both patients and healthcare providers. The costs of these educational programs are offset by sponsorships and educational grants. Your donations to education programs can help us expand our current education outreach to more healthcare providers throughout the world.



- APFED's website, [www.apfed.org](http://www.apfed.org) has become the primary source of educational information for patients, healthcare providers and the general public from more than 75 countries on all six habitable continents.

#### ♥ Political Action

- HR 296 National Eosinophil Awareness Week
  - APFED members rallied their communities at large to help pass House Resolution 296 in May of 2007, declaring the third week of May National Eosinophil Awareness Week.
- ICD-9-CM codes
  - In September 2007, APFED authored and presented the case for ICD-9-CM codes for 4 eosinophil associated gastrointestinal diseases. The new ICD-9-CM codes put forth by APFED are now in use as of October 2008. ICD-9-CM codes are used by insurance companies and researchers. [Learn more about ICD-9-CM codes.](#)
- Formula Legislation
  - APFED and its members have assisted with state mandate legislation for amino acid based formula coverage in ten states, passing in three, pending in six, tabled in one. An additional three states are expected to begin legislative efforts in 2009. Amino acid formula coverage is important to many of our members whose children depend on these formulas as their sole source of nutrition.

Your contribution will help us continue our efforts to ensure governmental agencies understand the need of our community.

#### ♥ Support

- Has APFED been there for you during a time of need? APFED fields calls and emails daily from distraught, frightened and frustrated families looking for help and support. We offer a moderated message board to allow families to connect with one another. Your contribution helps keep our phones on and our website up.

Please help us continue our work on behalf of families living with eosinophilic diseases. Your generous fully tax-deductible contribution will be used to continue our mission to improve the lives of those with eosinophilic diseases while working towards a cure.

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