



## Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood Foundation

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Dear AHC Community and Friends,

Over the last few months, you may have heard about a new AHC foundation being formed in the United States. Numerous families have contacted the AHCF with questions and concerns about this development. The Alternating Hemiplegia of Childhood Foundation Board of Directors believe that the ensuing confusion among our families deserves clarification.

In November 2012, for numerous reasons, the Board of Directors unanimously asked, then president, Jeff Wuchich to step down as president in accordance with foundation By-Laws. In recognition of Mr. Wuchich's service to the foundation and passion for AHC, he was invited to remain an active member of the AHC Board of Directors. Unfortunately, Mr. Wuchich declined to serve the AHCF in any capacity and resigned.

Recently, it was brought to our attention, that over the last several months, Mr. Wuchich has been contacting families which he previously worked with as president of the AHCF. By using contact information given to the AHCF for AHCF business only, Mr. Wuchich is in direct violation of the AHCF Privacy Policy he signed.

The AHCF Board of Directors is a diverse and experienced group of AHC parents and supporters. The years of service to the foundation range from 1 to 20 years, with board members' children ranging from 2 to 22 years of age. The AHCF Board of Directors feel strongly that the creation of a second AHC foundation in the United States is not in the best interest of our AHC community. Below are several reasons why this is true.

- Physicians and researchers with extensive experience in AHC recommended that families of such a small and rare disorder have only one AHC foundation in the United States.
- One foundation minimizes the costs of conducting fundamental research by avoiding duplication of efforts.
- One foundation ensures the accessibility of all academic researchers to any AHC organization or patient.
- One foundation centralizes the amount of information AHC parents must digest and provides researchers interested in AHC research with a single contact in the United States.
- One foundation clearly eliminates any division among families and opens up opportunities for all.

We hope you will continue to support the AHCF as the premier foundation for funding and research in the United States. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact us for further information. We look forward to continuing our mission and supporting AHC families worldwide.

Sincerely,

The AHCF Board of Directors,

Gene Andrasco, Sharon Ciccodicola, Cate, Cohen, Lynn Egan, Mollie Erpenbeck, Dr. Joe George, Bill Gerber, Doug Morris, Vicky Platt, Carol Presunka, Mary Kay Riley, and Sue Roberts