

# August 2024 Family Newsletter

**Thank you for being part of the AHC Foundation and helping us support families, raise awareness, and fight to END AHC!**

## Save the Date!

### **Biennial AHCF Family Meeting 2025**

The Family Meeting is a powerful medical, educational, and family conference.

**When:** June 19-21, 2025

**Where:** Embassy Suites - Covington, KY  
(Cincinnati, OH Area)

For letters of need for  
Visas, email  
[ahcfoundation@ahckids.org](mailto:ahcfoundation@ahckids.org).

Due to Visa wait time,  
don't delay!

This year's theme: **A ONE IN A  
MILLION LIFE!**

Share the date with your child's  
medical providers now. AHCF will  
cover their registration fees.

Stay tuned for more info!

## Family Support



### **Transition of Care - Child Neurology Foundation**

Is your child aging out of pediatric medical care? Child Neurology Foundation is helping to support youth, families, and child neurology teams in the medical transition from pediatric to adult health care systems. They provide videos, resources, and tools on their website.



Zoom Meeting Link

If you have questions, please email Heather Gates at [Heather@ahckids.org](mailto:Heather@ahckids.org). We look forward to seeing you.

### Family Circle Zoom

Join us the last Saturday of each month for AHCF Family Circle at 11am PST/ 1pm CST/ 2pm EST.

This is a support group for parents of individuals with AHC. Share your challenges and joys in this informal setting. Connect with others on this journey!

Sign up for Reminders!



### From another AHC Mom...

Want to make your child homemade g-tube formula? Have trouble expressing your emotions? Want tips to advocate for your child? Another AHC mom puts her thoughts on these topics out there with her blog. Her aim is to raise awareness for AHC and help other special needs moms! Check it out below.

Dr. Mom's Blog

## Lynn Egan Family Grant

We understand that life with AHC is difficult. Through our grant program, we hope to alleviate some of the financial challenges faced by those with AHC and their families. Below is the application to apply for a grant - contact us with any questions you have!

Grant Info & Application

**Get Involved in the fight to END AHC -**

# raising funds through fundraisers!



Thank you to our most recent fundraisers - The Richards family with Norah's CREWsaders from IN, held an auction and 5k Run/Walk, while the Lopez family from TX, held a Freedom Run, both benefitting AHCF in a big way! Thank you so much!!



If you are thinking about holding a fundraiser and need some ideas or assistance, email [ahcfoundation@ahckids.org](mailto:ahcfoundation@ahckids.org) - we'll be glad to help! Every dollar gets us that much closer!

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## Welcome, Mollie!

### New Board Member

The AHC Foundation is thrilled to announce that Mollie Erpenbeck has joined our Board of Directors. Mollie is wife to Eric, and mom to twins Owen and Ava (18) and Austin (14), who has AHC. She was on our Board previously and led the charge on fundraising and grant writing. With Owen and Ava having graduated and off on their own adventures, Mollie is excited to rejoin our Board of Directors. Her passion for fundraising, talent at grant writing, and her overall positive attitude will make an enormous difference as we fund research and strive toward finding effective treatments and, potentially, a cure for AHC. We are beyond excited to have Mollie, and her incredible work ethic, back on our Board.



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## Welcome Volunteers!

*Volunteers are the lifeblood of the foundation.*

***Thank you to the following folks who have recently joined the foundation's volunteer teams. Sharing their time benefits the whole AHC community:***

**Angela** from MI has joined the Family Meeting team.

**Jackie** from PA is devoting numerous hours to the Family Support and Family Meeting teams.

**Adalberto** from CA is on the Website and Finance teams.

**Roxie** from TX is helping with the Fundraising and Family Support teams.

**Diane** from IL has joined the Communications team.

**Chrystal** from Utah – is a new member of the Family Support team.

**Mollie** from KY – is a new board member, Family Meeting host for 2025 and Fundraising team member.

**Eunice** from IL is a social media team member on the Communications team.

**Karen** from MA – is a Family Support team member.

**Kathy** from IL is a new Board member and chairing the Website team.

**Sylvia** from TX is a new Communications team member and Newsletter editor.

Join the AHC Crew of Volunteers! No matter where you live, if you can donate a few hours a month we can use you!

Contact [Ahcfoundation@ahckids.org](mailto:Ahcfoundation@ahckids.org) for more information!

**AHCF Board of Directors:** Gene Andrasco, Sharon Ciccodicola, Cate Cohen, Lynn Egan, Mollie Erpenbeck, Heather Gates, Bill Gerber, Vicky Platt, and Kathy Sharo



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