

MSUD Family Support Group

Transforming Lives: Ways to Donate and Volunteer



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About Our Funds

- 1. General Fund:** Supports vital operational expenses, including symposiums, newsletters, staff, and essential services.
- 2. Research Fund:** Finances cutting-edge research projects to improve treatments and outcomes for individuals with MSUD and their families.

The mission of the MSUD Family Support Group is to provide support, education, and advocacy for individuals and families affected by MSUD. They aim to improve the quality of life for those living with MSUD through community engagement, awareness initiatives, and funding research for better treatments and outcomes.



Research Fund Projects

- **Gene Therapy Treatments:** Research by Dr. John Counsell at UCL for permanent metabolic restoration in liver cells.
- **BCAA Monitoring Biosensor:** Development of a non-invasive electrochemical biosensor by Lital Alfonta and Orna Staretz-Chacham.
- **Mouse Model Studies:** Investigations into neuropsychiatric manifestations of MSUD by Dr. Rebecca Ahrens-Nicklas at CHOP.
- **Neurocognitive Outcomes:** Study of quality-of-life improvements in adults with MSUD by Dr. Jessica Gold at CHOP.



Your Contributions Matter

- 1. Stocks, Bonds, Mutual Funds:** Utilize retirement funds (IRAs) for a tax-free gift.
- 2. Online Donations:** Quick and easy through PayPal online at www.msud-support.org
- 3. Mail a Check:** 958 Medinah Terrace, Columbus, Ohio 43235
- 4. Car Donation:** Eco-friendly and tax-deductible way to support.
- 5. Bequests:** Include MSUD in your will for a lasting impact.



Leave a Legacy of Hope

- **Support Future Generations:** Ensure ongoing support for individuals and families affected by MSUD.
- **Sustainable Funding:** Provide a stable financial foundation for vital programs and research.
- **Tax Benefits:** Potential tax advantages for your estate.
- **Personal Fulfillment:** Make a significant and lasting impact on the MSUD community.



Fun Ways to Raise Funds

- **Car Wash:** Gather friends and family for a community car wash.
- **Bowl-a-thon:** Organize a bowling event to raise awareness and funds.
- **Bake Sale:** Bake and sell treats in your neighborhood.
- **Garage Sale:** Declutter and donate proceeds to MSUD.
- **Walk-a-thon:** Host a sponsored walk to promote health and support MSUD.



MSUD Pet Pageant

- **Submitted Pet Photos:** Participants submitted their favorite pet photos through our online website.
- **Community Support:** Friends and family rallied behind their favorite pets, voting generously.
- **Donations:** Each vote contributed \$1 to the MSUD Family Support Group. Calendars were also sold to raise funds to contribute to the mission.



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- **Top Prizes:** The top 3 pets were awarded exciting prizes for their popularity.

Pamper Your Pet Spa Gift Cards & Calendars

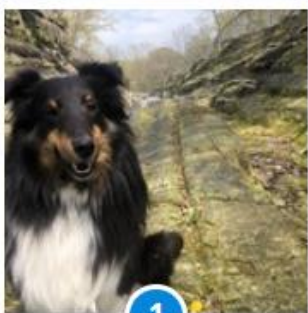
- **Calendar Feature:** Twelve outstanding pets featured on the pages of the 2024 MSUD Pet Pageant Calendar.



Celebrating our Furry Friends

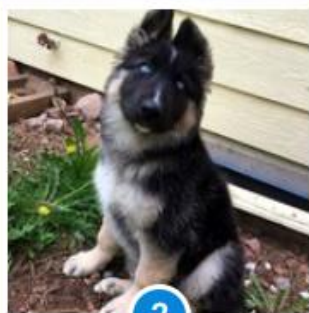
- **1st Place:** Willie Nelson with **700 votes!**
- **2nd Place:** Brecken with **690 votes!**
- **3rd Place:** Chloe with **667 votes!**
- **Funds Raised: Over \$6,000** to benefit the MSUD community!

Leaderboard



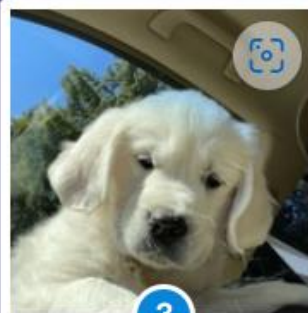
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700 Votes



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Brecken
690 Votes



3

Chloe
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Join Us in Making a Difference!

- **Event Planning:** Assist in organizing biennial symposiums and other community events.
- **Fundraising:** Help coordinate fundraising campaigns and events.
- **Awareness Campaigns:** Spread awareness about MSUD through social media, outreach, and community events.
- **Support Services:** Provide support to individuals and families affected by MSUD through mentoring or peer support programs.



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