

### **OUR MISSION**

inform, support, educate, fund research, and find a cure for Kennedy's Disease

## **KDA News**

## From The KDA



We at the Kennedy's Disease Association would like to wish all of our members and supporters a happy 2021! Looking back at 2020, it is easy to say that it was an unusual year. However, in spite of a global pandemic and Covid-19, the KDA soldiered forward with your help and support. The following is a review of what happened with the KDA this year.

- Annual Conference: KDA joins forces with KD-UK in order to host it's first ever virtual conference and breaks a record with over 250 attendees! More below.
- Fund Research: KDA commits *at least* \$150,000 to fund research on finding a treatment or cure for Kennedy's Disease. With the next newsletter, we'll announce the winners of our yearly research grants.
- **New Website:** KDA reveals its new website with a sleek design aimed at making is easier to find information and provide support.
- **Developing a Patient Registry:** The KDA has joined forces with the National Institutes of Health to create a Kennedy's Disease Registry to aid world-wide researcher efforts for finding a treatment or cure.
- Support of Research: KDA helps NIH-supported research survey to examine impact of COVID-19 on rare diseases community.

Not bad for a <u>small group of volunteers</u> who, just like you, have been impacted by Kennedy's Disease. We have committed to inform, support educate, fund research and find a cure for KD and we need your continued support! *As we welcome in 2021, consider giving the KDA your time and money. Together, we can continue to fight the good fight!* 

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## 2020 Annual Conference



With more than double the participants from any other conference, this year's virtual seminar and breakout rooms were a great success. We would like to thank the many presenters who shared their expertise with the goal of improving the lives of all of us dealing with Kennedy's Disease.

When asked what their favorite part of the conference was, these are some of the responses attendees provided:

- "Can't choose one, found it all very interesting!"
- "I really appreciated both days, lots of information"
- "Loved the breakout session and wish it would have lasted longer!"
- "All equally great!"

We are pleased to present a few videos featuring some of the speakers.

- 1. Conference Intro and KD-101: <u>https://youtu.be/SIn9iKmFjWM</u>
- 2. Day One Conference Summary: <u>https://youtu.be/m\_jkxAgGB4g</u>

<u>Here is a link</u> to the Q&A document which is a compilation of the questions for the presenters as the seminar progressed.

Do you have a message to share with us? Let me know it! jameson411@gmail.com

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