

Dear Potential Sponsor,

The mission of Guzi's Hunt for the Cure Foundation is to eradicate the Huntington's Disease (HD) Gene through education, science and medicine. The foundation will offer financial support (grants to families) <u>affected by HD</u> through fundraising, donations and sponsorships.

HD is an inherited neurodegenerative disorder. The age at which symptoms begin is variable, though after onset there is steady progression of the disease with a combination of motor, cognitive, and psychiatric manifestations. While there are medical treatments available to help alleviate *some* of the symptoms of HD, there is no cure (meaning that there is no way to slow, stop, or reverse progression).

Please take the time to read over the information provided in this sponsorship packet to learn more about the foundation background, HD, and how you can help eradicate it.

Thank you,

Guzi's Hunt for the Cure Foundation



Our Background

The foundation co-founders Carley and Nate Renner have been affected by HD since Carley's father, Chris Guzikowski, was diagnosed with the Disease in 2020. At this time, Carley and Nate, were ready to start their family planning, however HD changed everything. Carley now had a 50/50 chance of inheriting this genetic disease. They learned Preimplantation Genetic Testing-In Vitro Fertilization (PGT-IVF) was a way to eradicate Huntington's Disease for their future children. Thus, they applied for a grant that would fund PGT-IVF.

While they were waiting to find out if they received the grant, they felt strongly that more couples and families going through similar situations need these resources and options for family planning. IVF is very expensive and is often not covered under insurance. Going through family planning when faced with the potential of HD can feel very isolating. Carley and Nate want people to know they have options and are certainly not alone. Our foundation is proud to be working toward eradicating HD and paying it forward from the generosity Carley and Nate received!





About Huntington's Disease

Huntington's disease is a progressive, and ultimately fatal, neurological disorder for which there is currently no cure. Symptoms include the following:

• Movement abnormalities often involve random, excessive movements called chorea, along with imbalance and incoordination. Over time, speech and swallowing function also becomes impaired.

- Multiple aspects of cognition can be affected. While this can be mild early in the disease, with progression this can become severe and qualify as dementia.
- Common psychiatric symptoms include depression and anxiety, though other possible symptoms include behavior change and psychosis.

Huntington's disease is an inherited condition caused by a gene mutation involving a gene called HTT. Everyone has 2 copies of this gene, with one copy inherited from each parent. Individuals affected with HD will have the mutation in one of their two copies of the gene. Because of this, individuals who carry the mutation causing HD have a 50% chance of passing on the abnormal HTT gene to each of their children.

Genetic testing is available to identify if an individual has the gene mutation that causes HD. This can be used to give a definitive diagnosis if a person develops symptoms. This can also be tested in asymptomatic individuals who have a parent with HD and are thus at risk of developing the disease (called predictive testing).

Family planning is a common concern for individuals who are at risk for Huntington's disease, as the gene can be passed on to the child even if the parent has not developed symptoms of HD. Future parents can ensure that their child will not inherit the HD gene mutation through a process called in-vitro fertilization (IVF) and preimplantation genetic testing (PGT). This can be accomplished with or without the individual at risk undergoing predictive testing.

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To become a sponsor, you may sign up via our website. Alternatively, you may send a check made out to Guzi's Hunt for the Cure Foundation Inc along with this completed Sponsorship Form to our Treasurer, Chris Ridgeway.

Chris Ridgeway 501 E Castlebury Lane Appleton, WI, 54913

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