11 years ago, no organization existed solely for patients and families affected by Juvenile Myositis.

Because of you, Cure JM Foundation has existed and thrived for over 10 years, with a mission of providing support, raising awareness, and funding research that will ultimately lead to a cure for Juvenile Myositis (JM).

Your financial support has enabled Cure JM Foundation to invest $8 million in research and educational programs for Juvenile Myositis. This includes the establishment of two JM research and treatment centers, one at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and another at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

Your generosity has also led to significant progress in research, including the identification of genetic and environmental risk factors of JM, a better understanding of which drug treatments might offer the best prognosis, and a greater understanding of heart and lung complications. Overall, this research has led to improved outcomes for children and adults with JM, and has moved us closer to a cure.

"Without you, our dedicated team of supporters, Cure JM’s mission to find better treatments and ultimately a cure would be impossible. Without you, Cure JM could not exist."

Shari and Tom Hume, Cure JM Foundation Co-Founders

Your contributions have allowed Cure JM to provide educational materials for the families battling JM, including the first-ever book about JM, Myositis and You, a 450-page book with contributions from over 75 medical professionals. Cure JM also provides Welcome Kits, videos for newly diagnosed patients and other educational materials that are crucial in a family's journey with JM.

According to one parent,

"Cure JM is a one-of-a-kind organization… I can truly say that Cure JM is a lifeline to so many of us with children with JM and we would be lost without them!"

Because of you, they are not lost, and they don’t have to fight this disease alone.
Thanks to you, Cure JM is able to provide annual educational conferences for the JM community. Families say the conferences are “life-changing.”

As one parent said,

“My son is stronger physically and emotionally because of the knowledge I gained from the Cure JM conference…and that is something I will be forever grateful for.”

Based on reviews like this and over 100 more, Cure JM received the Top-Rated Nonprofit Award from GreatNonprofits.org for the 4th year in a row.

Cure JM Foundation is staffed primarily by volunteers and does not have a physical office, so overhead expenses are low. More than 90% of your generous gifts go directly to research or educational programs. Based on our commitment to financial transparency and accountability, Cure JM received the highest rating possible from Guidestar, called the Guidestar Exchange Gold Participation Level. Less than 2% of eligible nonprofits have received this distinction.

Not only do your donations help fund critical research, but they also provide the much-needed hope to families affected by JM. Your generosity lets them know they have a team of supporters on their side. It’s this support that keeps their spirits high and gives them the courage to fight JM.

Your contributions directly change the course of children’s lives and futures. When parents say their child received a diagnosis, is doing better, or lived longer because of Cure JM, we think of YOU, our supporters.

Without you, Cure JM could not exist.

Please enjoy this booklet to see the impact you have made, the hope you have provided, and the lives you have changed in such a profound way.

We hope you will continue to support Cure JM, where every gift is an opportunity to directly impact research and improve the lives of children and adults with Juvenile Myositis.

All for a cure,

Shari and Tom Hume
Parents of Parker
Diagnosed with JM in 2002

“I need a cure!”

Hudson, diagnosed with JM at age 2

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Cure JM Top Ten

Published 1st Ever book solely about Juvenile Myositis, with contributions from 75 medical professionals

Established 2 JM research and treatment centers:
- Cure JM Program of Excellence in JM Research at Stanley Manne Children’s Research Institute, affiliated with Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago
- George Washington University Myositis Center in Washington, D.C.

Created 3 JM Support Networks:
- Family Support Network
- Grandparents C.A.R.E.
- Team JM/Fundraising

Top-Rated 4 years in a row by GreatNonprofits.org

Hosting 5th national conference for the JM medical community
- October 2014
  Stanford University

6 Time champion of fundraising/voting contests winning over $700,000 for research

Hosted 7 annual educational forums for JM families (8th annual educational forum scheduled for October 2014)

Over $8 Million raised for JM research and education

Over 9 Years of organizing national fundraising events

Over 10 Years of serving the JM community

Thanks to You!
Cure JM Foundation: Working Together to Find a Cure

Cure JM Foundation was founded in 2003 by parents and grandparents of children battling Juvenile Myositis (JM). A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, Cure JM is the only foundation dedicated solely to supporting JM research and JM families. Since its inception, Cure JM has invested more money into Juvenile Myositis research and programs than any other charitable organization.

JM, which includes Juvenile Dermatomyositis (JDM) and Juvenile Polymyositis (JPM), is a group of rare and life-threatening autoimmune diseases. In the United States, approximately two to four children in a million are diagnosed with JM each year.

The primary symptoms of JM are weak or painful muscles, skin rash (with JDM), fatigue and fever. Children with more severe courses of the disease may also suffer from calcinosis (the development of small lumps of calcium under the skin or in the muscles), vasculitic ulcers (holes in the skin or gastrointestinal tract), complications with the digestive tract, contractures (shortened muscles that can limit movement and/or cause a joint to stay in a bent position) and lipodystrophy (a damaging loss of body fat).

Some children experience a mild form of the disease and may go into remission, while others will fight JM their entire lives. Some will lose the ability to walk. Complications of the disease can result in ongoing pain, disfigurement and even death.

But whether the course of the disease is mild or severe, a JM diagnosis is life-changing for all of these children and their families. Our mission is to increase awareness of all forms of JM, provide support to the families battling this disease and fund research into better treatments and an eventual cure for JM.

Our ultimate goal is to never, ever let another child suffer from Juvenile Myositis. With your help, we believe this goal is within our reach.

“Cure JM has played a vital role in our lives for the last 9+ years... This disease is constantly changing our daughter. But through all of the ups and downs, the people we have come in contact with at Cure JM are there to help support and guide. I hope we can always be a part of this wonderful family and be the blessing to others that Cure JM has been to us!”

Sissy T.

Cure JM families at the 2013 Annual Fundraiser during the Chicago Half Marathon and 5K

Maura, diagnosed with JM at age 3

Sam, diagnosed with JM at age 4
“I attended my first Cure JM Conference, wanting to learn as much as I could about JDM so I could help find a cure for my 6 year old grandson. Then, I realized the real reason I was there. It was for support, the kind you get when you realize that there is a “community/family” out there for you. The entire time I was with the Cure JM Foundation family, I felt courage coming from each and every one of those in attendance.”

Pauline L.

You’ve Helped Us Keep the JM Community Informed

Every year, Cure JM hosts a free educational conference for JM families, featuring the latest Juvenile Myositis research and world-leading experts from the JM medical community.

Cure JM has also hosted five national medical conferences, where medical professionals from across the country can discuss the latest JM treatments, research studies and more.

Locations of National Conferences

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2013 Chicago National Conference break-out session

Dr. Ann Reed, Chair of Department of Pediatrics at Duke University School of Medicine and member of Cure JM’s Medical Advisory Committee, presenting at Seattle Conference
You’ve Helped Us Connect JM Families

“Cure JM has taken us out of isolation and connected us to a world that understands what we go through on a daily basis.”
Sissy T.

“Cure JM has helped us to connect and share experiences with other families, and to dissipate the hopelessness and uncertainty.”
Cesar D.

Every new family who registers with Cure JM Foundation receives:

- A Welcome Kit
- An Informational Brochure
- Wristbands
- DVD for newly diagnosed patients featuring world-leading JM physicians
- A call or email from one of our 14 regional family support representatives, including international and Spanish-speaking representatives.
“Cure JM is a one of a kind organization... I can truly say that Cure JM is a lifeline to so many of us with children with JM, and we would be lost without them.”

Sue C.

Research and Programs Funded with Your Support in 2013-2014

Cure JM Program of Excellence in JM Research at Stanley Manne Children’s Research Institute, affiliated with Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago

Dr. Lauren Pachman, the Principle Investigator and Director, has cared for over 550 children with JDM and other forms of inflammatory myopathy. Dr. Pachman has patients who travel from around the country to see her for a diagnosis and/or treatment. She is also called upon for consults and referrals from other doctors. Her team is working to discover the biomarkers of JM activity to guide the utilization and/or creation of more effective therapies. They have already identified a variety of genetic and environmental factors that not only play a role in the onset of symptoms, but also govern the child’s outcome.

George Washington University Myositis Center in Washington, D.C.

Multidisciplinary effort made possible by a grant from Cure JM Foundation. As a national referral site for inflammatory muscle diseases, the Center is often called upon to either establish a diagnosis or to provide a second opinion related to the management of children and adults with JM. Working in collaboration with the NIH, the Center also specializes in JM research and education.

International Consensus Conference

Myositis researchers from around the world came together to develop standard measures of “improvement” for myositis patients. These new measures are critical for research, as they will be the end goals for future myositis clinical trials. Plus, this should help facilitate future drug development for JM.

Genetic Risk Factors for Calcinosis

Research study at Stanford University utilizing previously collected blood samples to look at certain genes and potentially determine their role in the development of calcinosis.

Gastrointestinal Bacterial Tract in JM Patients

Pilot study at Seattle Children’s Hospital to determine if the proliferation of oral and intestinal pathogens could lead to the activation of JM.
Cure JM is an amazing organization and I don’t think I could ever express how grateful I am to have found them. If it were not for their existence, my daughter’s outcome could have been much worse. From me stumbling upon their site and realizing that my daughter’s mystery condition was actually JDM to the unwavering support and information about JDM we have received from them, our lives would be very different without them.”

Erin C.

Predictive Model of Disease Outcomes using Computational Biology Modeling in Children With Inflammatory Muscle Disease

Research study at the Mayo Clinic to determine associations between disease outcomes and various features of JDM, which may lead to the prediction of which patients would benefit from particular treatment choices.

Lymphocyte Repertoire in Juvenile Dermatomyositis

Research study at Boston Children’s Hospital using “next generation sequencing” to study detailed T & B cell differences in JDM. This should lead to a better understanding of changes in the immune system, which may help to advance the understanding of JDM and improve future outcomes.

Premature Atherosclerosis in Juvenile Dermatomyositis

Research study at Children’s Hospital at Montefiore that aims to identify which risk factors may be the most significant indicators of early heart disease in children with JDM.

George Washington University Myositis Center Team

Dr. Lauren Pachman, right, Head of Cure JM Program of Excellence in JM Research at Manne Research Institute, pictured with Jacque DenUyl, volunteer at Lurie Children’s Hospital and Cure JM Honorary Advisory Council Member
We are deeply grateful for the tremendous role Cure JM has played in raising awareness of JM and advocating for children and families. Through Cure JM’s outstanding commitment to the well-being of these young patients and its generous donations to research, Cure JM has touched the lives of many individuals.”

Lauren M. Pachman, M.D.  
Professor of Pediatrics,  
Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine  
Division of Pediatric Rheumatology, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago  
Head, Cure JM Program of Excellence in Juvenile Myositis Research, Stanley Manne Children’s Research Institute

Your Generous Donations at Work

Financial Summary  
September 30, 2003 - September 30, 2013

Research Grants and Educational Programs

90%

2%

8%

Operating Expenses
Fundraising Expenses

Full financials are available on Cure JM website.
Thanks to You, Our Mission Continues

Moving into 2015, Cure JM’s unrelenting passion and commitment to find a cure for Juvenile Myositis is stronger than ever. Cure JM’s objective is to accelerate outstanding discoveries in research toward clinical testing, so children with JM will have better treatments and ultimately a cure.

Cure JM will continue empowering families with the resources they need in their journey with JM, without the burden of an annual membership fee. Through Cure JM’s Grandparent Support Network and Family Support Network, JM families will have the latest and most helpful information and tools to assist with the challenges before them. Cure JM’s family outreach program will continue providing vital connections to other families who have walked this path before, so that no family will fight this disease alone.

Thank you for demonstrating your belief in Cure JM Foundation’s mission through your financial support, your volunteerism or your involvement in a research study. What you all have in common is you provide HOPE for children and adults battling Juvenile Myositis: hope for better understanding, hope for better treatments, and hope for a cure.

Let’s build on that hope, because with you as our partner, we truly believe in a future where no child will ever suffer from Juvenile Myositis.

Cure JM Foundation offers a variety of ways for you to help create a world without JM:

**WEBSITE:** Make a convenient and secure one-time or recurring monthly gift online at www.curejm.org/donate

**PHONE:** Call Cure JM Foundation at 760-487-1079 and pay by credit card.

**MAIL:** Send a check payable to Cure JM Foundation in the mail to:
Cure JM Foundation, 836 Lynwood Drive, Encinitas, CA 92024.

**BEQUESTS & PLANNED GIFTS:** Bequests and planned gifts can have a meaningful impact on Cure JM’s mission far into the future. Planned giving also may provide an opportunity to reduce or eliminate estate taxes, reduce income taxes or reduce or eliminate capital gains taxes.

**GIFTS OF STOCK:** Receive a charitable deduction for the full, fair market value of your gift, along with an exemption from capital gains tax, on shares you have owned for at least one year.

**HONORARY OR MEMORIAL GIVING:** Celebrate the lives of special family members and friends by making gifts in their honor.

**WORKPLACE GIVING:** Many employers match employee giving. Check with your employer or enter your employer name on Cure JM’s website to find out if they match donations: www.curejm.org/donate

For additional ways to donate, or to learn how you can get involved, please contact us at info@curejm.org

“This organization helped my child get an early diagnosis and most certainly made a difference in my child’s quality of life..”

*Dawn S.*