



Hopes & Dreams

Huntington's Disease Society of America - Illinois Chapter Quarterly Newsletter

HDSA/Illinois Chapter, P.O. Box 8383, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Winter greetings from the Illinois HDSA. The holidays are behind us as I am writing this message and many of our celebrations will have wound down by the time you are receiving our newsletter. November was so mild, I knew the new season was upon us as across much of Illinois we 'dug ourselves out' of many inches of snow (we had a foot in the northwest suburbs of Chicago) followed by an arctic blast. Hoping your holidays were warm, wonderful, and filled with joy of family and good friends. Illinois HDSA is working diligently to provide care and education to our persons with HD and our families, while fundraising to support these causes and the research that is so vital for treatment and ultimately the cure.

Many positive developments are occurring in our Illinois chapter, Upper Midwest region, and Dr. Shannon's Center of Excellence at Rush University Medical Center. Our Illinois chapter's financial numbers for last fiscal year were up 29% in gross revenue and 41% in net revenue. We in Illinois continue working toward the goal of contributing our 'fair share' as the third largest metropolitan area in the U.S. An incredible amount of work goes into all our events starting with committee chairs, their members, and all our membership and their family and friends who attend and participate. But obviously fundraising is only one piece of the pie. As a chapter we have made gains in other important areas including having run more support groups than ever before, and providing more nursing home presentations than in past years. Thanks to fundraisers, support group leaders, family services members, and all for a very successful year!

The current year is going very well. Visit our website, www.hdsa-il.org, as Susie and Dave Hodgson have updated and made the site one of the best. Please check it regularly as it is updated weekly and has the latest information on chapter events. Susie and Dave have recently added two new features: we can use "Pay Pal" to register for the Walk, and hopefully all our events, and you can set up your own page to enroll sponsors for our events through "Justgiving." See our write-ups in this issue for the Illinois State Conference, the Illinois HDSA Memorial Board Member Raffle, the Hearts for Huntington's Disease, the Hoop-A-Thon, and the Walk for the Cure.

On the national HDSA front, Mark Morris was elected national Treasurer of HDSA at the December 4, 2006 Board of Trustees meeting. A recent letter from Charles Dimmler III, Chairman of the Board, and our CEO, Barbara Boyle, indicated that Mark will be changing roles in April and becoming the HDSA Chief Operating Officer, a paid staff position.

I was very privileged to attend a chapter fundraiser for research last month at the Naperville Central High School as they had a Comedy Night to raise funds in memorium of Cathleen Ulbrich (daughter of Clarence and Sharon Wiese, our long-time board members and 2005-2006 Family of the Year), who recently died from complications secondary to HD. Because of matching funds (2:1) through the High Q Foundation, nearly \$5,000 was raised for HD research that night alone, and nearly \$20,000 in research funds have been raised, given the matching funds and all the memorials for Cathy's family. Please remember we also need unrestricted funds, and we have an extremely high rating as a non-profit organization as 89% is going to the cause itself.

We have so many good things happening in the HDSA Illinois chapter, Upper Midwest region, and Dr. Shannon's Center of Excellence, and are working to meet the challenges of providing care, education, and research. We had a great chapter board meeting in December, and many good things are happening. Please continue to be generous with your financial contributions, time, and efforts to make HDSA and the Illinois Chapter better than ever. Please support our fundraisers, attend our support groups, and let us know your needs.

Stephen R. Clingerman, Ph.D.
President, Illinois HDSA

Free To A Good Home...HOSPITAL BED

Our chapter has been contacted by a woman who lives in the western suburbs of Illinois who has a hospital bed that she is willing to give to anyone who needs it.

Please contact board member Clarence Wiese at 630-443-9579 or cwwiese@sbcglobal.net if you are interested.

If you would like information on **Genetic Testing** at Rush University Medical Ctr., call our chapter for a brochure:
HDSA/Illinois Chapter
(630) 443-9876

Memorial Envelopes are a tasteful way of honoring a deceased relative or friend and at the same time contributing to the struggle against Huntington's Disease. We now have memorial envelopes on hand and can make them available for visitations, funerals, and/or memorial services. We will be happy to supply them to funeral homes for their general use.
To order, please call (630) 443-9876.

Bloomin' Success!

Once again, our 2006 Amaryllis Campaign was a 'Bloomin' Success'. Those who purchased and potted the beautiful flowers around Thanksgiving time are already enjoying full blooms! We sold 22 cases of Amaryllis this year, with a gross revenue of \$3,520.



A special thank you to Michelle Gallagher, our Amaryllis Chairperson, who does an outstanding job keeping us "grounded" and organized. Thanks, Michelle!

Donations of Brain and Blood Samples help us find the cure!!

For **Blood donations** call Indiana University at 317-274-2241 (call collect)
DNA Bank 317-274-5745

For **Brain donations** call Harvard Brain Tissue Resource Center at McLean Hospital at 1-800-BRAIN-BANK

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9TH ANNUAL ILLINOIS STATE CONFERENCE

MARCH 10, 2007

RENAISSANCE CHICAGO NORTH SHORE HOTEL
933 SKOKIE BLVD., NORTHBROOK, IL
9:00AM – 3:30PM
COST: \$30.00 PER PERSON

SCHEDULE:

8:30-9:00 AM	REGISTRATION	
9:00 AM	Welcome	Stephen Clingerman, Ph.D. President-IHDSA
9:15 AM	Keynote Address: Stem Cell and Gene Therapies for HD	Jeffrey Kordower, Ph.D. Jean Schweppe-Armour Professor of Neurological Sciences, Rush U. Medical Center, HDSA Award of Excellence in Medicine 2006
10:00 AM	Understanding and Managing Public Benefits	Ellyce Anapolsky, J.D., Health and Disability Advocates, Chicago, IL
10:45 AM	BREAK	
11:00 AM	Panel Discussion: Patient – Caregiver – At Risk Moderators: Stephen Clingerman, Ph.D., Stroger-Cook County Hospital Kathleen Shannon, M.D., Director, Rush University Center of Excellence	
12:00 NOON	BUFFET LUNCH	
1:00 PM	Break-Out Sessions: Session A: Persons with HD Session B: Caregivers Session C: At-Risk and Under 21	Kathleen Shannon, M.D., Steve Clingerman, Ph.D., Jeanna Jaglin, R.N., Marjorie Johnson, LCSW, MFT, Davie & Susie Hodgson
1:45 PM	BREAK	
2:00 PM	Clinical Research Update	Kathleen Shannon, M.D., Director, Rush University HDSA Center of Excellence
2:45-3:30 PM	Professional's Panel and Wrap Up	

For more information, phone: IL Chapter (630) 443-9876 or Renaissance Northbrook (847) 480-7500

Registration Form can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

Directions to: Renaissance Chicago North Shore Hotel, 933 Skokie Blvd., Northbrook, IL

<p>From 41 North Route 41 to Lake-Cook Road. Exit at Lake-Cook Road. Go West (right turn) on Lake-Cook Road. Take Lake-Cook Road to first light (Skokie Blvd.) Turn left on Skokie Blvd., go ½ mile and hotel is one block south on the left (just past Dundee Road).</p>	<p>From 94 – Chicago I-94 West to Dundee Road. Exit West. Turn left on Skokie Blvd. Hotel is one block south on the left.</p> <p>From Route 53 Route 53 North to Dundee Road Exit. Go east (right turn) 10 miles to Skokie Blvd. Turn right. Hotel is one block south on the left.</p>	<p>From 94 – Wisconsin I-94 South (at junction/split of I-94 and I-294 stay in left lanes) towards Chicago Edens Expressway to Waukegan Road Exit (only one way to go). At next light, go east (left turn) on Dundee Road. Go to Skokie Blvd. Turn right. Hotel is one block south on the left.</p>	<p>From O'Hare I-90 to I-294 North to Willow Road. Exit Willow Road East (right turn) to Sunset Ridge Road (approx. 4 ½ miles). Turn left on Sunset Ridge Road. Go two miles to the end of street. Hotel is in front of light.</p>
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REGISTRATION FORM

2007 Annual HDSA/Illinois Chapter State Conference March 10, 2007

Please complete this form and mail along with \$30.00 per person by February 13th or register online at www.hdsa-il.org:

**IHDSA Conference Registration
P.O. Box 8383
Rolling Meadows, IL 60008**

(You can register at the door, but please make every effort to register by mail or via the website to help better facilitate this event)

PRINT NAME(S) AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT/THEM TO APPEAR ON YOUR NAME TAG(S)

Participant #1 _____

Participant #2 _____

Breakout Session (Circle One):

- A. Persons w/HD
- B. Caregivers
- C. At-Risk & Under 21

Breakout Session (Circle One):

- A. Persons w/HD
- B. Caregivers
- C. At-Risk & Under 21

Participant #3 _____

Participant #4 _____

Breakout Session (Circle One):

- A. Persons w/HD
- B. Caregivers
- C. At-Risk & Under 21

Breakout Session (Circle One):

- A. Persons w/HD
- B. Caregivers
- C. At-Risk & Under 21

Address _____

Phone (____) _____

Test reveals effectiveness of potential Huntington's disease drugs

<http://www.utsouthwestern.edu/utsw/cda/dept37389/files/325493.html>

DALLAS: Oct. 30, 2006 - A test using cultured cells provides an effective way to screen drugs against Huntington's disease and shows that two compounds - memantine and riluzole - are most effective at keeping cells alive under conditions that mimic the disorder, UT Southwestern Medical Center researchers report.

"These drugs have been tested in a variety of Huntington's disease models and some HD human trials and results are very difficult to interpret," said Dr. Ilya Bezprozvanny, associate professor of physiology and senior author of the study. "For some of these drugs conflicting results were obtained by different research groups, but it is impossible to figure out where the differences came from because studies were not conducted in parallel.

"We systematically and quantitatively tested the clinically relevant drugs side-by-side in the same HD model. That has never been done before," said Dr. Bezprozvanny.

Huntington's disease is a fatal genetic disorder, manifesting in adulthood, in which certain brain cells die. The disease results in uncontrolled movements, emotional disturbance and loss of mental ability. The offspring of a person with Huntington's have a 50 percent chance of inheriting it. More than 250,000 people in the United States have the disorder or are at risk for it. There is no cure, but several drugs are used or are being tested to relieve symptoms or slow Huntington's progression.

The disease affects a part of the brain called the striatum, which is involved in the control of movement and of "executive function," or planning and abstract thinking. It primarily attacks nerve cells called striatal medium spiny neurons, the main component of the striatum.

Dr. Bezprozvanny's group previously demonstrated that Huntington's striatal neurons are oversensitive to glutamate, a compound that nerve cells use to communicate with each other.

In the latest UT Southwestern study, the researchers cultured striatal spiny neurons from the brains of mice genetically engineered to express the mutant human Huntington gene. As predicted, glutamate killed the Huntington's neurons, but the scientists also tested five clinically relevant glutamate inhibitors to assess their protective ability.

Folic acid has been suggested as a treatment for people with Huntington's because it interacts with homocysteine, a compound that makes nerve cells more vulnerable to glutamate. Gabapentin and lamotrigine, both glutamate inhibitors, are used in epilepsy treatment and as a mood stabilizer, respectively. These three compounds did not significantly protect the cultured cells.

However, a drug called memantine, which is used to treat Alzheimer's disease, and riluzole, used in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, did protect the cells. Memantine demonstrated a stronger effect in the study. Memantine has also shown evidence of retarding the progression of Huntington's in people, while riluzole has helped relieve some symptoms.

"Our results provide the first systematic comparison of various clinically relevant glutamate pathway inhibitors for HD treatment and indicate that memantine holds the most promise based on its in vitro efficacy," Dr. Bezprozvanny said. "Whole animal studies of memantine in an HD mouse model will be required to validate these findings."

Other UT Southwestern researchers involved in the study were Drs. Jun Wu, research associate in physiology, and Tie-Shan Tang, instructor in physiology. The work was supported by the Robert A. Welch Foundation, the High Q Foundation and the National Institute for Neurological Diseases and Stroke.



Researchers led by Dr. Ilya Bezprozvanny, associate professor of physiology, and including Dr. Jun Wu, research associate, have shown an effective test for screening Huntington's disease drugs and that two compounds - memantine and riluzole - are most effective at keeping cells alive under conditions that mimic the disorder.

3RD ANNUAL TEAM HOPE - WALK FOR A CURE**5K WALK****SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007****DANADA FOREST PRESERVE – WHEATON, IL***(RAIN OR SHINE)***REGISTRATION: 9:00AM****WALK BEGINS: 10:00AM**

It's that time of year again!! Time to start thinking about our annual Walk For A Cure! The Walk will be held in the beautiful Danada Forest Preserve, same location as last year. Once again this year, there will be a family picnic after the walk so bring your lawn chairs and your favorite non-alcoholic beverage, and enjoy an afternoon of friendship and fun. Food will be provided by the Team Hope - Walk For A Cure Committee!

There are several changes this year. We feel that these changes will help us to reach our goal! The Illinois Chapter has set a goal of \$30,000, but we think we can do even better. We would love to see us top \$50,000 this year and with **YOUR** help we know that we can do it!!!

NEW this year...EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION---Now through May 1, 2007---\$10.00/walker. (Registration and entry fee must be received no later than May 1, 2007). After May 1st registration fee is \$15.00/walker. (Yes, you can still register the day of the walk.) We feel this will help to facilitate early registration, and have more people collecting pledges and help us reach our goal!!!

NEW this year...When registering online you can pay your registration fee using PayPal. Visit our website www.hdwalk.org

NEW this year...Collect donations from your friends online using *Firstgiving.com*. Visit our website www.hdwalk.org to see how!! It's easy to use. Dave and Susie Hodgson already have their page set up (www.firstgiving.com/daveandsusie). You set up YOUR page and then send the link to all of your online contacts!!!

NEW this year...Any person, family, business, etc. can have a Trail Sign with their name on it for a donation of \$100.00

NEW this year...More sponsorship levels (see below). For more information, visit the walk website www.hdwalk.org

We look forward to seeing all of you who have walked with us in the past and to meeting many new walkers this year!!! For more information about the walk please phone 630-386-3928.

CORPORATE SPONSORS:

Diamond - \$3,000 (20 walkers, company name and logo on signage at registration area.

Company name on T-shirts and included in Illinois Chapter Newsletter)

Ruby - \$2,000 (15 walkers, and the same as for Diamond)

Sapphire - \$1,000 (10 walkers and the same as for Diamond and Ruby)

FAMILY AND INDIVIDUAL SPONSORS:

Gold - \$600 (6 walkers, name on T-shirts and in newsletter)

Silver - \$400 (4 walkers, name on T-shirts and in newsletter)

Bronze - \$200 (2 walkers, name on T-shirts and in newsletter)

IN KIND SPONSORS:

Value \$1,000 or more – (5 walkers, company name on T-shirts and signage at registration)

Value \$700 to \$999 – (3 walkers, company name on T-shirts and signage at registration)

Value \$500 to \$699 – (2 walkers, company name on T-shirts and signage at registration)

**Sponsorship
Levels**

**ILLINOIS CHAPTER HDSA 3RD ANNUAL
TEAM HOPE~~~WALK FOR A CURE!!
DANADA FOREST PRESERVE
WHEATON, ILLINOIS
SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007
9AM—3PM**

PLEDGE SHEET

I am participating in the **Huntington's Disease Society of America—Illinois Chapter TEAM HOPE~~WALK FOR A CURE**. All proceeds will help fund vital research, education, and services for all those affected by HD. Make checks payable to **HDSA-III Chapter**. All contributions are tax-deductible.

	Name of Sponsor	Sponsor phone number	Amount Pledged	Amount collected from Sponsor
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WALKER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____

CITY: _____ **St:** _____ **ZIP:** _____ **EMAIL:** _____

Please bring this form with you the day of the **WALK**, or mail to: **Team Hope—Walk For A Cure, PO Box 6624, Aurora, IL. 60598. (All pledges must be turned in NO LATER than June 5, 2007.)**

WAIVER: Neither the HDSA, the Illinois Chapter HDSA, its board members, the Team Hope committee members, nor the DuPage Forest Preserve District, including its employees, shall assume any liability for the safety and care of any participant. All participants walk at their **OWN** risk. I attest that I am physically fit and prepared for this event. I grant full permission for organizers to use photographs of me to promote this event.

Signature: _____

Registration Form

(also able to register online at www.hdwalk.org)

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN-UP FOR

Walking in event: **\$10** fee until May 1, 2007.
\$15 fee after May 1st and on day of walk.

Diamond \$3,000	Ruby \$2,000	Sapphire \$1,000	<input type="text"/> \$ # of walkers Please circle one of the sponsorship levels or fill in number of walkers for the event
Gold \$600	Silver \$400	Bronze \$200	
Value 1 \$1,000	Value 2 \$700	Value 3 \$500	

I can't walk but would like to donate... \$

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Walker's Name _____
 Address _____
 City _____ St _____ Zip _____
 Phone: Home _____ Work _____
 E-mail _____

(If registering more than one walker, please use a separate piece of paper to include walker's name and T-shirt size next to walker's name.)

Each walker will receive one T-Shirt.
 Please indicate size for each walker

Tee Shirt S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____ XXL _____

Please make all checks payable to:
"HDSA-Illinois Chapter" and note in the memo section that it's for **Team Hope-Walk For A Cure**.


Neither the HDSA, the HDSA-Illinois Chapter, its board members, the Team Hope committee members, nor the DuPage Forest Preserve District, including its employees shall assume any liability for the safety and care of any participant. All participants walk at their OWN risk.

HD Walk For the Cure
PO Box 6624
Aurora, Illinois 60598
Phone: 630-386-3928
E-mail: sue_angels@msn.com
Website: www.hdwalk.org

REMINDER

9TH ANNUAL IHDSA MEMORIAL RAFFLE...DRAWING ON APRIL 10TH

Please help us bring improvements in education, care and research to persons suffering from Huntington's Disease and their families by participating in our annual Illinois HDSA Memorial Raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 per ticket or \$10.00 per book of 11. First prize is \$300, second prize is \$200, and third prize is \$100. The drawing will be held the evening of April 10th at the Illinois HDSA Board Meeting. Winners need not be present and will be notified by phone and/or mail. For additional raffle books, contact Clarence Wiese at 630-443-9579.

Name _____ Address _____ Phone _____	 <p>Illinois Chapter Huntington's Disease Society of America P.O. Box 8383 • Rolling Meadows, IL 60008 The 9th Annual Illinois HDSA Memorial Raffle</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> Donations: \$1 Per Ticket Donations: \$10 Per Book of 11 Tickets Winner Need Not Be Present To Win Drawing April 10th, 2007 </div> <p>Prizes: 1st - \$300.00 2nd - \$200.00 3rd - \$100.00</p>
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Aim, Shoot and Cure!

2nd Annual IHDSA Hoop-A-Thon

Saturday, March 31, 2007

10:00am – 4:00p.m

Maryville Academy
(South Gymnasium)

1150 N. River Road, Des Plaines, Illinois

ALL SHOOTERS AND SPECTATORS
ARE ASKED TO WEAR 'GYM SHOES' TO
THIS EVENT TO KEEP BLACK SOLES
FROM SCUFFING THE FLOOR.

A Hoop-A-Thon is a fun filled free throw basketball event to benefit HDSA. Participants or “shooters” stand a comfortable distance from the basket and shoot free throws for a designated amount of time (usually 3 to 5 minutes) trying to sink as many baskets as they can. Sponsors (their friends, relatives, family members and co-workers) sign up in advance by pledging money for every basket that the shooter sinks or donates a flat rate to the shooter. This event is fun, exciting and raises lots of money for research and support services for Huntington's disease.

A PLEDGE FORM CAN BE FOUND ON PAGE 10 OF THIS NEWSLETTER.

Additional Registration information can be found at www.hdsa-il.org.

There are many ways you can participate: shoot, rebound, serve refreshments, sponsor, and, of course, enjoy!

Call John Cuccinotto at 630-873-0052 for additional information or to volunteer for the event.

AIM, SHOOT AND CURE!!

Sign Up!

Complete a Shooter Registration Form found on the Illinois Chapter website:
(www.hdsa-il.org)

Raise Money!

Ask relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to sponsor you in the Shoot by making a contribution to HDSA. Fill out the pledge form with the names, addresses, and donation amounts of your sponsors.

Feel Proud!

Experience the pride and satisfaction that comes from knowing you've been an important part of raising money to find a cure for Huntington's disease through the support of research.

Shoot!

Shoot Day – Bring two (2) copies of your pledge sheet to the Shoot site and enjoy a great day with family, friends, neighbors, and teammates.

CHDI Selects Amphora Discovery's Integrated Discovery Services in Pursuit of Huntington Disease Cure

Source: http://www.prnewswire.com/cgi-bin/stories.pl?ACCT=ncharlotte_story&STORY=/www/story/09-18-2006/0004434524&EDATE=Sep+18,+2006

19 Sep 2006 - 0:00am (PDT)

Research Triangle Park, N.C., And Los Angeles, PRNewswire/

Amphora Discovery announced today that CHDI, Inc., a non-profit organization pursuing a biotech approach to rapidly discover and develop drugs that prevent or slow Huntington Disease (HD) has signed multiple agreements that provide access to Amphora Discovery's integrated contract discovery services. HD is an inherited degenerative brain disease for which there is currently no treatment to delay or prevent its onset. CHDI partners with leading industrial and academic institutions to discover novel therapies for HD and will utilize Amphora Discovery's services and expertise in drug discovery to further this mission.

The agreements cover multiple biological targets implicated in HD and include access to Amphora Discovery's PrecisionScreen(TM), PrecisionSelect(TM) and Full Hit-to-Lead services. Utilizing its highly precise and accurate PrecisionScreen(TM) technology, Amphora Discovery will rapidly screen a large number of CHDI compounds against the implicated proteins in parallel. The high quality of the PrecisionScreen(TM) data, combined with the parallel screening of the targets, will enable the primary data to be used for direct Structure Activity Relationship (SAR) mining. This unique Amphora Discovery service avoids lengthy retest times and will enable CHDI to rapidly select and prioritize the best chemical series for further development. Amphora Discovery will then use its powerful PrecisionSelect(TM) selectivity profiling platform to further characterize the compounds of interest. Finally, CHDI and Amphora Discovery will initiate a Full Hit-to-Lead program to rapidly structurally optimize multiple chemical series against all the implicated targets in parallel.

"Amphora Discovery is a highly experienced drug discovery partner with a validated process that delivers high quality data on reduced timelines. CHDI's mission is to support projects that hold specific potential for discovery and development of practical therapeutics ready for preclinical testing within a three to five year timeframe. We believe that Amphora Discovery's optimized drug discovery process provides us with the ability to achieve this goal," said Dr. Robert Pacifici, Chief Scientific Adviser to CHDI.

"We are very pleased that CHDI has selected Amphora Discovery as a preferred partner. Amphora Discovery's PrecisionScreen(TM), PrecisionSelect(TM) and Full Hit-to-Lead services provide our customers with an integrated solution to drug discovery. Since our inception we have performed more than 100 high throughput screening campaigns and generated over 35 million data points with our validated technology platform. We look forward to using our platform and expertise to assist CHDI in their fight against HD," said Bill Janzen, Founder and Chief Technology Officer at Amphora Discovery.

About CHDI Inc. and the High Q Foundation, Inc.

CHDI Inc. and the High Q Foundation, Inc. (High Q) are non-profit organizations that share the mission of bringing together academia, industry, governmental agencies, and other funding organizations in the search for Huntington disease (HD) treatments. CHDI, Inc. is pursuing a biotech approach to rapidly discover and develop drugs that prevent or slow HD. Through collaborations with industrial and academic partners, CHDI, Inc., participates in all aspects of drug discovery and development from high throughput screening to preclinical development. For more information about CHDI, Inc. and its collaborative programs please see <http://www.chdi-inc.org> or contact Robert Pacifici (robert.pacifici@chdi-inc.org).

High Q supports HD research aimed at target identification and validation, the development and use of animal models, drug delivery, and the search for markers of disease progression. For more information about High Q and its support of HD research please see <http://www.highqfoundation.org> or contact Ethan Signer (ethan.signer@highqfoundation.org) or Allan Tobin (allan.tobin@highqfoundation.org).

About Amphora Discovery Corp.

Amphora Discovery Corporation is a leading biotechnology company, with two dedicated business units. The Amphora Pharma Business Unit is focused on development and out-licensing of the company's broad selection of high-value lead candidates. The Amphora Discovery Business Unit is a leading provider of integrated contract services for the pharmaceutical industry, employing cutting-edge chemogenomic, systems biology and microfluidics technologies to deliver innovative and targeted lead generation and lead optimization solutions.

UPPER MIDWEST YOUTH ALLIANCE WANTS YOU!!!!

The HDSA Illinois Chapter has established a group for young people, ages 10-30, living in the greater Chicagoland/Tri-State area of Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. This group is for anyone who is HD positive, tested negative, at risk or affected by HD in some way. The Co-Sponsors for this group are: Dr. Steve Clingerman and Susie Hodgson. This group is a great way to meet and get to know other young people who are dealing daily with the same issues that you are. It is a great way to share support, learn coping skills, make life long friends and most importantly to know that you are not alone; there are other young people out there who know exactly how you feel.

We need to know if there is a continued desire for this group. We have already started planning a weekend retreat for this summer. This will be a weekend at Lake LaDonna Campground in Oregon, Illinois.

The following survey will help us determine if there is enough support and interest to continue this group, and go forward with the plans for the retreat. Please complete the survey and mail to:

**Susie Hodgson
75 Birch Drive
Sandwich, Il. 60548**

or, visit our website www.get-me.to/umya and complete the survey online.

UPPER MIDWEST YOUTH ALLIANCE (UMYA) SURVEY

Please complete this survey and mail to:

**Susie Hodgson
75 Birch Drive
Sandwich, Il. 60548**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

AGE: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

YES NO I would like to join UMYA

YES NO I would like more information about UMYA

YES NO I would like to attend the UMYA Summer Retreat

SUPPORT GROUP MEETINGS

	Date/Time	Additional Information
Stroger-Cook County	2 nd Thursday of alternate months at 12:00 to 1:20pm in the basement of Stroger Hospital in the lower level meeting rooms by the cafeteria: LL661.	Group includes Medical Professionals (i.e., Neurologists, Psychologists, Social Workers, Genetic Counselors) as well as members of the Board of the Illinois Chapter. Call Dr. Steve Clingerman at (312) 864-6083 or Clarence Wiese at (630) 443-9579 for additional information.
Lake Zurich	2 nd Monday of every month at the home of Marilyn and Barry Kahn, 1116 Stratford Lane, Lake Zurich, IL.	Call (847) 438-2403 for scheduling information and directions to their home.
Geneva	3 rd or 4 th Sunday of alternate months from 2 to 3:30pm at the Delnor-Community Health and Wellness Center, South Conference Room, 296 S. Randall Road, Geneva, IL 2007 meetings will be: 1/28, 3/25, 5/6, 7/22, 9/23, 11/18.	The Wellness Center is located on the southwest corner of Randall Road and Williamsburg Ave. on the Delnor-Community Hospital campus. Whether you have HD, are at risk, are a caregiver or a friend, or just someone who wants to know more about HD, you are welcome. Call Ann Weichbrodt at (630) 761-8596 for additional information.
Peoria	Group meets 2 nd Sunday of the odd months of the year at St. Francis Hospital, 530 Northeast Glen Oak, Peoria, IL. 2007 meetings will be held in the months of (1) January, (3) March, (7) July, (9) September, (11) November.	Call Jennifer Konczyk at (217) 732-4353 for additional information.
Rockford	2 nd Sunday of every month in the St. Francis Room at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center, 5666 E. State St. Rockford at 2:00p.m.	Use the main entrance - second one back from the parking lot entrance. As you enter the building you'll see a counter staffed by volunteers. Turn right, before you reach the counter-the St. Francis Room is straight ahead. For additional information please contact Kathie at 815-877-0324 or kathie0211@insightbb.com. Open to people with HD, family members, caregivers, and interested professionals.
Quincy	Group meets 2 nd Sunday of the even months of the year at Blessing Hospital, Conference Room G, 1400 Broadway in Quincy from 1:00 to 4:00p.m. 2007 meetings will be held in the months of (2) February, (4) April, (6) June, (8) August, (10) October, (12) December.	Contact Ed Hilgenbrink at (217) 222-7303 for scheduling information.
South Suburban	3 rd Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm at Manor Care, 940 Maple Street, Homewood, IL.	DIRECTIONS: Take I-294 exit Halsted Street South. Turn right at third stoplight. HCR Manor Care is straight ahead on the right. For additional information please contact Maryann Moynihan daytime at 708-955-3080.

Let us know if you plan to attend an upcoming meeting in case a meeting is cancelled or a location and time has been changed. We can keep you up-to-date.



Memorials & Tributes

We strive to correctly interpret all names from Memorial Cards, etc. but sometimes fall short. We apologize if your name has been misspelled.

In Memory of Sandra Fulkerson

From Betty Johnson, Lucille Maciejczyk, Matt & Shannon Klempe

In Memory of Debra Fiege

From Wilma Caldwell

In Memory of Ray Hibbeln

From Susanne Grady

In Memory of Raymond & Alice & Karen Carter

From Catherine Carter

In Memory of Marie Van Antwerp

From Nancy Augspurger

In Memory of Ralph Short

From Lois Short

In Memory of Pamela S. Mast

From Nicole Carson, Tamara Fischer, Doris Jones, Ruth Schneider

In Memory of Thomas Cabbage

From Nancy Augspurger, Michael & Candice Short, Tara & Timothy Kaeding, Nancy List, Debbie Williams, Darryl & Marsha Johnson, Jeff & Deb Bristle, Bruce & Alicia Winter, Jerry & Susan Oyer, Donald & Janet Jensen, Barbara Cleary, James & Martha Zimmerman

In Memory of Glenn Howard

From Roy Cousins, Patt Bruckert, Dennis & Darlene Kress, Leslie VanVeghel, Cheri Kline, Clarence & Sharon Wiese, Rita Pinnick-Gordon, Donna Flowers, Wilma Caldwell, Robert & Georgene Fedo, Lisa Dejarld, Robert & Karen Kilpo, Michael & Rhonda Callans, Robert & Helen Beutel, Elizabeth Van Landschoot, Kenneth & Margaret Rice, Robert & Deborah Jennings, Beverly Moss, Kimberly Kitchen, Karl & Caroline Sicinski, Charles & Jennie Perkins, Milton & Donna Wunderlich, Charles & Lori Lyons, Richard & Donna Collins, Sarah & Timothy Cooke, Judy McCarthy, Robert & Celine Schwartz, Mary Lou Rutherford, Jacqueline Bati, Donald & Patricia Ruden, Warren & Jayne Jackson, Val & Roberta Rand, Jay & Sylvia Smeets, R.G. & Phyllis Caneva

In Memory of Charleen Mooney

From Mr. & Mrs. R. D. Lyon, Sharon & Clarence Wiese

In Memory of Mike Marino

From Kathleen Marino & Friends

In Memory of Richard Thelan

From Judy Jaglin, Brian Jaglin

In Memory of Cathleen Ulbrich

From Jeff & Barbara Ulbrich, Tammy O'Connell, Maryann Moynihan, Mary Bos, The Cook Family, Rosalie & Wayne Flickinger, Paul Hillenbrand & John Blaszak, Daniel & Charlene Laino, A.D. Whithall, Don & Cheri Hood, Ted Ross & Kathie Ayres, Bob & Beth Pacanowski, Wilma Caldwell, Gus & Mary Marchetti, Marshall & Margaret Cook, Modulus Video Inc., Nancy Augspurger, Steve & Charlotte Rybarczyk, Christine Bauer, Michael & Theresa Beauchane, Linda Deets, Annette Gatto-Hennessy, Don & Betty Grimes, Thomas & Mary Haigh, Marie Hammel, James & Ina Heup, Gloria Hilgenbrinck, Jim & Barbara Hilgenbrinck, Edward Hilgenbrinck, Rick & Kelly Johnson, Joe & Vicki Kybartas, Susan Lewis, Dick & Karen Lyon, Charleen Mooney, Irv & Marcella Nelson, Henry Boettner, Mr. & Mrs. John O'Neal, Michael & Linda Pillatich, Armand & Kathleen Schade, Paul & Beverly Schlinckman, Naperville Central H. S. Communication Arts Department, Dean & Irene Sheridan, Chris & Kathy Singer, Benny & Uma Smith, Pat Tomy, Vicky & Greg Van Hoose, Ann Weichbrodt, Don & Jerre Wiese, Sharon & Clarence Wiese, Barry & Marilyn Kahn, Megan Nowicki, Jeffrey Plackett, David & Joanne Sapadin, Harry Davis Jr., Joyce Burns

In Honor of Sharon Wiese's Birthday

From Michael Wiese

In Honor of Mollie Simon on the Occasion of Her Lifetime Achievement Award

From Wilma Caldwell

In-Service Support

We are attempting to contact Regional Supervisors of Nursing Homes throughout Illinois regarding the availability of our cassette and to setup someone to visit and share information on the care and needs of the HD patient. Please keep us informed of specific homes where persons with HD are residing. We would be glad to send these homes information and make ourselves available to give an in-service.

**OPEN YOUR HEART
FOR HUNTINGTON'S**



**EVERY HEART
BRINGS US ONE BEAT CLOSER**

Illinois Has Heart!!

Please join us in our "Hearts for Huntington's" Campaign

February is our 'Hearts for Huntington's' month with the emphasis being on February 14th, Valentines Day. The 'Hearts' are to be sold for \$1.00 each or a general donation. The person who purchased the 'Heart' can write their name or the name of a loved one on the 'Heart'. Then the 'Heart' is to be displayed in a public location that is easily viewed. Suggested places to sell 'Hearts':

- Local Markets
- Hair Salons
- Local Food Location (diners, pizza places, restaurants, etc.)
- Pharmacies
- Schools
- Work Place

All proceeds go to the Huntington's Disease Society of America (HDSA), Illinois Chapter, for research and family care and education.

For further information on how you can participate in "Hearts for Huntington's", please contact Susie Hodgson, Chairperson for Illinois Chapter "Hearts for Huntington's" at sue_angels@msn.com or 815-508-2370 or visit our website www.hdsa-il.org.

The Inspiration for 'Hearts for Huntington's'

Written by the young person who inspired the program

"In July of 2005, I found out that my mom was diagnosed with Huntington's Disease. I was familiar with the disease because my mother's brother passed away from it about 4 years before she was diagnosed. Even though my family was aware that they were at risk, it was still a hard adjustment to find out that my mother was also carrying the gene. Exactly two months later, my godfather was diagnosed. The news of both my mother and my uncle gave me courage to reach out and make awareness for Huntington's Disease. With the help of many friends and family, we came up with the idea of "*Hearts for Huntington's*."

As a senior at Francis Howell HS, I wanted to make an impact on younger students with the awareness for Huntington's Disease. Through my DECA chapter (a group of marketing students) where I was VP, we came up with the idea for "Hearts for Huntington's for our philanthropy project. "Hearts for Huntington's" was the idea of selling paper hearts for \$1.00. Because of such amazing students, faculty, friends and family, we ended up raising almost \$6,000 in the first two

weeks of February. This was a definite surprise for my mom and uncle who were both unaware of what we had been conducting on their behalf.

My goal for "Hearts for Huntington's" was to make people aware of this less known disease that is still taking the lives of remarkable people everyday. After the fundraiser, I thought about getting tested for the disease myself because I had a 50% change of inheriting the gene. Positive or negative, I knew my family and friends were right behind me. In July of 2006, I found out that I was carrying the gene along with my mother and uncle. It was hard to hear the news at such a young age, but this will only push me harder to fight for a cure.

This disease has only brought my family and friends closer. No matter the circumstances, I can rely on these people for love and support. I now have a different outlook on life. Each day is a blessing and you cannot take anything for granted. God has given me the gift to help people fight through the disease and not give up. With the help of the rest of the world, I know this will be the last generation to have Huntington's Disease."