

*Letter for Active Supporters*

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INSIDE: The five stages of Parkinson's . . . the healing value of art and music . . . new research discoveries on the genetic causes of PD . . . is a clinical trial right for you . . . and the latest chapter news -- all in your FREE APDA newsletter!

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Dear Friend of the APDA:

Did you know that there are five genes that can cause Parkinson's disease? Or why you might want to consider taking part in a clinical trial? Do you know how you might be able to get a free mobility scooter or power wheel chair -- or where to get 11 educational booklets about PD, free of charge?

The answers to all these questions and quite a few more can be found in your enclosed copy of our current newsletter -- but that's just a small part of the help, support, and hope we provide to millions of Americans who suffer from this chronic debilitating disease and their devoted (though often stressed) caregivers.

It's true. For over 40 years, no other organization has done more than The American Parkinson Disease Association "to ease the burden and find the cure." And we do it in so many ways:

- With 56 APDA Information and Referral Centers nationwide
- With 63 APDA chapters
- With over 200 support groups to combat that all-alone feeling
- With 43 locally organized walks as part of our National Walk-a-Thon
- And with over \$850,000 in annual grants to support the most promising PD research.

***All of these numbers add up to help and hope!***

Hope for improved medications to control of PD symptoms. Help for PD patients and their caregivers who need reliable expert knowledge on how to cope with the symptoms and challenges of this "24/7" disease. Help in finding other individuals who understand what you're going through. And above all: *hope for a cure.*

***Your help isn't just helpful - it's essential!***

The APDA will continue to be there for you . . . *but right now, we need you to be there for us!* If you or a loved one has to struggle with any of the debilitating symptoms of Parkinson's . . . the tremors and stiffness, the difficulty walking and talking, the impaired memory and ability to think, the frustration and depression . . . then you know that, regardless of how much we've done, there is still so much more to do . . .

And your dollars help us do it! Your gift supports the choice for more research, breakthrough medications, and more compassionate care. Please send your donation today -- whatever you can afford. You'll be joining thousands of other generous individuals who are helping PD patients lead lives that are more active, satisfying and free.

Remember, every successful step we make in PD research today could very well benefit you -- or someone you love -- tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Vincent N. Gattullo  
President

P.S. I encourage you to take full advantage of our many services and to get more involved with APDA in every way you can. To learn more, please visit our website at [www.apdaparkinson.org](http://www.apdaparkinson.org).