Welcome to the December CVSA ENewsletter!!

Did you know...

....that the members of the Board of Directors and CVSA Staff aren't just random volunteers that happened upon CVSA one day. They each either care for someone with CVS or have CVS themselves, so the work that is done by each of them is done with love and hope for a better future for all CVS sufferers!!!

So as we wind down 2018, we want to Thank each and everyone of you for your support, because without your support CVSA could not do what they do!!!
Happy Holidays
CVSA Board of Directors & Staff

Celebrating
25 Years...
& the journey of hope continues.

Hope Starts Here
with Holiday Cheer

Cyclic Vomiting Syndrome Association was established in 1993, CVSA has since grown from a handful of interested parents and professionals, into a network that includes over 40 medical advisors and volunteers serving in the U.S. and Canada, as well as over 30 other countries worldwide.

During those 25 years CVSA has accomplished so many things including the creation of the Pediatric Diagnosis and Treatment Guidelines, to most recently the creation and soon to be released Adult Diagnosis and Treatment Guidelines. The Pediatric Guidelines have had and will continue to have a major impact on patients that suffer from CVS. The upcoming release of the Adult Guidelines will have an impact much more than we can fathom, not only will this allow for quicker diagnosis but a better quality of treatment and care for adult patients.

We've definitely come along way since the doors opened in 1993!! CVSA is very excited about all of the opportunities we will have because of your support to continue to raise awareness, provide support and fund research in the future.

Donate Here
CVSA Secretary, Kristin Koch hosted her third annual Holiday Open House this weekend to support CVSA. She has kept the parties open for a few more days so that you all can have the opportunity to shop and support CVSA this holiday season. Check out the links below....

At the Isle of View
Pampered Chef
Threads Worldwide
Discovery Toys
Thirty-One
Perfectly Posh

Dr. Kovacic and Dr. Venkatesan are studying the use of auricular neurostimulation therapy in CVS patients. Their study participants must meet strict inclusion criteria including being evaluated and diagnosed with CVS at the Medical College of Wisconsin. The study involves placing a neurostimulation device on the ear during the prodromal stage of CVS. Patients will receive the device twice; one time it will be a
real device and the other time it will be a fake device. Both the patients and the researchers are blind to whether the device is real. The hope of this study is to provide an alternative treatment when other therapies don’t work or maybe even as a prophylactic therapy for CVS.

Read more about the study and the background behind it in our Winter 2018 newsletter. Don’t get the newsletter? Become a member to receive our printed newsletter.

Thank you to all that set up fundraisers on Facebook with Facebook Donations!

**November Fundraisers**
Samantha Mittman Besnoff
Carol Dimmie Campbell
Rebecca Schulz
Christina Palik
Jeff McMillin
Nicole Wilcox
Alexandra Nelson
Aly Hesseltine
Lisa R Johnson
Donna Gately Benites
Blynda Killian
Bonnie Spinder
Shermita Maxey

*Please note that due to Facebook Privacy settings the CVSA is not always aware of all of the fundraisers that are or have taken place. If you set up a fundraiser please share it with us so that we can Thank You!!

Join CVSA
Monday December 10th
See below for more details
Finally a way to meet people without having to leave your home!

This opportunity is offered by Blynda in California and she hopes it will give the callers a consistent place to get support and hope. Please remember that you can call in from anywhere in the World!! Please note the time zone!

Blynda will be holding a meeting every 2nd Monday of the month at 6:00 PM (Pacific Time). This would be 7 PM Mountain Time, 8 PM Central Time and 9 PM Eastern time.

Blynda is a mom of a CVSer and has lots of wisdom and support to offer you. The meetings usually last about an hour but you are free to hang up when you need to and you are welcome just to listen.

You will dial the call in number which is 1-866-203-9939 (toll free) promptly at the time the call is scheduled. When prompted you will enter the participant code number which is 62519

You will be asked to state your name and then you will be joined into the call. Blynda will greet you and when all callers are on the meeting will start.

If you have any questions, you can email me, Debbie, at the CVSA Office at cvsa@cvsaonline.org. Or call me at 414-342-7880.

I hope you will take advantage of these calls!!