

Together we are *Turner Strong*[®]

2020 TSSUS Annual Fundraising Campaign



Dear Members and Friends, in the midst of the radical changes we've seen this year, one resounding theme keeps coming to the surface, and that is that when we act as a community – in our communities' best interest – **we are stronger.**

Time and time again over the last several months, we have seen and heard stories of people making great personal sacrifices in service of something bigger than themselves. Parents took on the task of becoming their children's primary educators in the home, often while working their full-time jobs from the kitchen table. Vacations were canceled, and many of us sacrificed time with our extended families to preserve the health of the most vulnerable among us.

At the Turner Syndrome Society of the United States (TSSUS), we had to make some painful sacrifices as well in 2020. We had no choice but to cancel the 2020 TSSUS National Turner Syndrome Conference, we had a reduction in staff, and most of our signature fundraising events – the TSSUS Chasing Butterflies Walks – were canceled. **We've discovered we are resilient.**

TSSUS has been serving the TS community for 34 years, and when times get tough, we evaluate, re-group, strategize, and overcome. It's this strong spirit of resilience and dedication to each of you in the TS community that has allowed us to weather every storm and struggle, and to come out on the other side perhaps a little



changed, but stronger. As one whole – people with TS and their families, our TSSUS dedicated board members and staff – we realize this year more than ever

– **we are Turner Strong together.**

We have reached out to you for support in the last few months more than usual. The hard truth is this worldwide economic and health crisis has had a detrimental effect on our funding and budget. The TSSUS Annual Campaign is one of the most important fundraisers of our year – and this year, it is even more vitally important. We are asking you to support our work financially once again by making a contribution to the 2020 TSSUS Annual Campaign. **Right now, we need you more than ever.**

If you donated over the last few months, we are extremely grateful and encourage you to consider donating to our annual campaign. Your support not only makes our work possible, but it also validates it. Your donation helps the woman with TS who has struggled through this time of extreme isolation, and the parent who



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Your financial support is the key to our community.

is trying to find the best possible care and treatment for their child, while navigating new protocols and changes in the delivery of health care.

The times have forced a change in the way we deliver services to you – but we are so proud to say that we have not had an interruption of those services. We'd like to highlight some of our mission work here – work that is wholly reliant upon your financial support to continue. **Without your generous and thoughtful support, the work we do for the TS community is simply not possible.**

Providing kind and knowledgeable support:

Our support calls have more than tripled over the last several months, and our community is struggling. We are here. We are here to answer the call at all hours, in many cases, around the clock. We offer supportive services to the TS community that many of you never know about. Our **strength** is in our ability to connect. Our **strength** is our dedication to creating community. Our **strength** is our intense commitment to serve you. We do this with a paid staff of just three people.

We bring people together with shared experiences. TSSUS has local resource groups across the country. Given that in-person meetings and get-togethers are not possible, we are offering online social opportunities at the national and local level.



TSSUS local groups are meeting via Zoom, playing Bingo, and holding get-togethers to stay in touch and help ease the feelings of isolation many are experiencing.

Educational Outreach:

Because COVID forced the cancellation of the Annual TSSUS National Turner Syndrome Conference, we created an ongoing series of online educational sessions. Many of the same experts speakers graciously volunteer their time to present sessions on topics such as Metabolic Syndrome and Type 2 Diabetes, Nutrition, Family Planning, Liver Involvement in TS, and Managing Stress and Anxiety, to name just a few.

“When Dr. Mooney presented on Learning, Behavioral and Social Issues related to TS, it was like someone turned the light on for me. I’m in my 50’s and I never understood why I do the things I do, I get it now and a huge weight has been lifted.” - Rosemary

“Thank you so much! I really appreciate the work TSSUS is doing to give us educational opportunities when a conference is not possible.

“I was feeling super low and overwhelmed late one night and sent a message through Facebook to TSSUS.

Someone responded and gave me her phone number, and she talked to me for 2 hours until I felt better.

Who does that?”

- 29-year-old with TS



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"I'm a parent in Canada so the conference would have been a challenge for me. I'm really glad to be able to join in."
– Elizabeth



Supporting Research:

We offer the Turner Syndrome Research Registry, a secure and efficient system allowing researchers to gain new insights and develop future treatments. We are currently collaborating on five TS research studies.

If you have any questions, please call Becky Brown at 832-465-9388 or email becky@turnersyndrome.org.



We do all this for you, for your children, and we do it every day. We just need some extra help this year – above and beyond your usual gift if you're able – to get through these difficult times.

Can you make a gift today?

The mission of the Turner Syndrome Society of the United States is to advance knowledge, facilitate research, and provide support for those touched by Turner syndrome.

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