

# ACCELERATING RESEARCH. EMPOWERING PATIENTS.



## RESEARCH

In 2008, we launched our research program called STAR (Strategy to Accelerate Research) and have invested over \$17 million dollars to support our mission to development treatments and a cure for CMT.

- Because of the success of STAR, the CMTA has more than 50 active research projects with the best scientists from around the world. Thirty of those scientists sit on our STAR Advisory Board.
- STAR's 30+ partnership agreements with pharmaceutical, biotech and service companies gives the CMTA unparalleled access to leaders in the latest genetic and neurological technologies (such as CRISPR, gene therapy, gene silencing, axon and muscle regeneration).
- The CMTA's Patients as Partners in Research program and vast patient network is uniquely poised to accelerate drug development while engaging with patients at every step.

## COMMUNITY

The CMTA provides education, resources and support to more than 70,000 patients via print publications, social media platforms, and virtual meetings.

- We have designated 44 CMTA Centers of Excellence (COE) in the US and abroad that provide multidisciplinary medical care and treatment to CMT patients.
- We have 70+ volunteer-led Branches (support and education Groups around the country and in Canada) bringing CMT patients together to connect and to share resources in their local communities.
- We hold educational Patient/Family Conferences annually with world class CMT experts.
- The CMTA has a camp for kids (ages 10-18) called Camp Footprint and it is the only camp in the US just for kids with CMT. As any camper will tell you, "it is the best week of the year!!"
- We lead three Facebook Discussion Groups: one for patients, one for parents, and one for our Spanish-speaking community.

## FUNDRAISING

The CMTA is funded solely through private donations and grassroots fundraising. We invest 90 cents of every dollar toward research and patient support. Last year, despite the pandemic, the CMTA community came together and collectively raised and/or donated over \$4.2 million dollars.

- The CMTA has earned the top rating, 4 stars, by Charity Navigator for 2 years in a row and has earned a perfect 100% score for governance and transparency for the past 7 years.
- Collectively, the CMTA's Board of Directors contribute or raise over \$1 million dollars annually to support our mission.
- The volunteer-led National Walk & Cycle 4 CMT brings together passionate people from communities across the country and Canada to rally for a world without CMT. Last year, nearly 1,000 participants came together and collectively raised over \$500,000.
- The CMTA held four National campaigns featuring a total of \$500,000 in matching dollars, which led to raising over a \$1 million toward the CMTA's mission.