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Special Thanks

Thank you, to you, supporters and guests of *Vision for the Future 2020.* Research has advanced by leaps and bounds in the past few years and your continuous support has not only given hope that a cure is around the corner but has been instrumental in the many treatments for MD that were not available for Greg Jr. We are incredibly fortunate to have a terrific team at the MD Center who are passionately working to improve the lives of patients and families affected with MD now and in the future through research, education, patient care and direct support.

There are many challenges in our world but for the patients and families we serve it is the heartbreak of living with a progressive disease that drives our mission for a cure. Please know you are making a huge difference in the lives of children and young adults with MD. Thank you for your ongoing support and advocacy. We hope you will join us for this important event!

- The Greg Marzolf Jr. Foundation

Vision for the Future: 2020



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Greg Marzolf Jr. Foundation: Funding a tomorrow free from Muscular Dystrophy.

Who are we? Founded in 2002 to commemorate the life of Greg Marzolf Jr., the GMJF works to support research for a cure and raise awareness of Muscular Dystrophy (MD), the progressive muscle disease that leads to loss of muscle function, independence and life. We work of to conquer this devastating and heartbreaking disease for the current generation of patients.

What do we do? In the past 18 years, we've raised \$2 million for education and research programs that benefit children with MD and their families. We are dedicated in our mission for a cure and providing support for patient care. We are a 501(c) 3 organization and all funds we raise are kept locally and have a direct impact on the lives of children with MD.

• Research & Awareness: In 2003, we founded the Greg Marzolf Jr. Trainee Program at the Paul & Sheila Wellstone MD Center at the University of Minnesota. The GMJF has funded over 50 pre and post - doctoral researchers that work to enhance treatments and ultimately a cure to MD and other neurological diseases.

• Support Families: As a sponsor of MD Family Camp at Camp Courage in Annandale, MN, we allow children with MD to "just be kids" in a safe and accommodating environment. At the same time, their parents can find support and fellowship with other parents of children with MD. This event was the first MD Family Camp in the nation and is in its 10th year.

• Advancing Efforts: A few years ago, the GMJF launched a new grant program to advance the efforts of specific research trials or projects at the U of MN MD Center. Grant recipients are awarded annually. There are now seven clinical trials in progress with four awaiting start at the MD Center including DMD, FSHD, and CMT. New treatments include the first-ever FDA approved drugs for DMD and SMA.

Who was Greg Marzolf Jr.? Diagnosed with Duchenne MD as a small child, Greg Jr. committed himself to improving the lives of people who dealt with adversity and disability by volunteering and fund-raising. After graduating from Cretin-Derham Hall as a member of the National Honor Society, JROTC Diamond Officer, flight club president and student council vice president, he went on to major in English at the University of St. Thomas. In 2000, Greg died from the effects of his disease and we celebrate his life through the work of the foundation.

Upcoming!!

Come to the Table A Cause to Cook for a Cure Cookbook will be launched in early spring. Pre-sales will be offered at Vision for the Future 2020 Gala. With immense joy, we dedicate **Come to the Table** to all the young boys, men and families living with Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy, past and present. Many thanks to all of you that submitted recipes and to the members of **Come to the Table** committee who worked diligently on this beautiful book filled with recipes, stories and hope.

Rock the Pavement 5K/10K to End MD returns! Save the Date for Saturday, August 15, 2020 at Lake Calhoun, Minneapolis, MN.





Vision for the Future: 2020

Please join us for Vision for the Future: 2020 on **Saturday, January 11, 2020** to celebrate friendship, community and the progress that has been accomplished and the goals ahead!

- 5:30pm Social with passed appetizers. Causal attire welcomed! Silent Auction, Games/Activities, Signature Drink
- 7:00pm Dinner served. New!! Pre-order bottles of Chardonnay or Cabernet for your table or group! 7:45pm Silent Auction closes
- 8:00pm Dessert and Coffee with Program, Fund-A-Need
- 9:00pm Check out open for business

Information on Parking

Guest parking at the University of St. Thomas is available in the Anderson Parking Ramp located on the corner of Grand and Cretin Avenues and in the ramp below the Anderson Student Center/ Woulfe Hall for a nominal fee. Free parking is available in surface lots A, B, C, M, N, and O for guests attending the event.