

Kickoff for a cure



University of St. Thomas
James B. Woulfe Alumni Hall
Anderson Student Center
2115 Summit Ave., St. Paul, MN 55105

Saturday, January 13, 2018



Who are we?

Founded in 2002 to commemorate the life of Greg Marzolf Jr., the Greg Marzolf Jr. Foundation 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 hope to conquer this devastating and heartbreaking disease for the current generation of patients.

What do we do?

In the past 16 years, we've raised over \$1.5 million for education and research programs that benefit children with MD and their families. 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 2002, we founded the Greg Marzolf Jr. Trainee Program at the Paul & Sheila Wellstone MD Center at the University of Minnesota to provide annual grants to post-doctoral researchers. These researchers are working to enhance treatments and find a cure to MD and other neurological diseases.

- **Support families:** As a sponsor of MD Family Camp at Camp Courage in Annandale, MN, we help 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.

- **Advancing Efforts:** In 2017, ground breaking news of the first FDA approved drugs for treatment of SMA and Duchenne MD were announced. This was a celebratory landmark in our quest for a cure to MD. The Greg Marzolf Jr. Foundation has a grant program to advance the efforts of specific research trials or projects at the University of Minnesota MD Center. The 2017 grant recipients are Dr. Rita Perlingeiro and Dr. DeWayne Townsend. 2018 recipients will be announced at Kickoff for a Cure.

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 raising money for MDA. 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.

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January 13th Game Day!

- 5:30pm Pre-game fun before the Big Game! New activities include meat raffle, team competitions, silent and LIVE auction. Football attire welcomed, no cleats, helmets optional!
- 6:30pm Upscale Stadium Inspired Fare
- 7:30pm Halftime Program, Live Auction and Fund a Need. Coffee and dessert will be served with the program. Silent Auction will reopen for frenzied bidding following the program.

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.

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SPECIAL THANKS

Thank you, to you, supporters and potential guests of 'Kickoff for a Cure.' Research and treatment, including pharmaceutical trials, continues to advance by leaps and bounds. 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 and please join us for this important event.

- The Greg Marzolf Jr. Foundation