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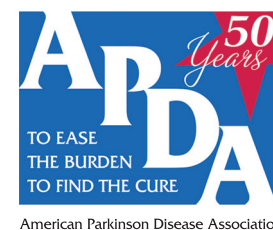
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ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2010

From the President:



Joel A. Miele Sr., President

If you were ever swimming and found yourself in a rip tide, or a whirlpool or were approaching a waterfall and, after using all the techniques you knew and the strength you had, realized that you were out of danger, then you know how APDA feels about last year.

While time tends to make the horror of the struggle fade, the effects of an economic disaster such as we all have experienced take many years to correct. By choosing to honor all the research commitments (including numerous multi-year grants and fellowships) it had made in stronger years, APDA knowingly assumed a financial challenge that would require time and discipline to meet. With dogged discipline and cost cutting and the generosity and loyal support of those who believe in our mission, however, we have reached that turning point and are looking ahead.

We are gratified that our commitment and service to the country's 1.5 million people with Parkinson's disease and their loved ones was never interrupted or compromised. We continued our support of nine APDA outstanding centers for advanced research at prestigious academic and health care institutions across the country. Among the areas of important research funded during the past year are the relationship between inheritance and clinical characteristics, new lines of research to provide pilot

data for future project development, creation of a model for fall prediction in PD patients, a study of platelet mtDNA mutation, measurement of radiolabeled metabolites for PET studies, and systems neuroscience research on the circuit mechanism of PD.

Patient-support and education programs continued to grow as our chapters and Information and Referral centers persistently identified and filled the needs of persons with Parkinson's on a local level.

APDA's National Center for Young Onset launched an e-mail newsletter and co-sponsored two conferences.

The APDA National Center for Rehabilitation at Boston University's Sargent College completed its first year of free access to licensed physical therapists who answered more than 700 calls about exercise and provided educational materials and information about programs in the callers' areas. Callers included patients, family members and health care professionals from across the country.

It has been a most difficult time during which our small army of APDA scientists, coordinators, chapter presidents, support group leaders, contributors, board and staff never faltered, and with renewed confidence we look forward to conquering this insidious disease.

Sincerely,

Joel A. Miele Sr. PE
President

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