

Foundation for Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome is Formed

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East Setauket, NY, November 29th, 2007- The sister and mother of Michael SanInocencio, a young man living with Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome, recently announced the formation of the LGS Foundation, an organization dedicated to raising awareness about the disorder while offering support to individuals and their families who are battling with the syndrome.

The Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome Foundation was created by Michael's sister Christina SanInocencio after she grew frustrated with the lack of information and support available to those who are living with this disorder, and their families.

"I've not only watched Michael battle with this disorder for 17 years now, but I've also watched my family grow hopeless and discouraged over the years. There are so many other families out there that I know share similar feelings, and I started the organization in order to offer these families the support and education that my family rarely had," says Christina.

The formation of the LGS Foundation also stemmed from the frustration that Christina, a television producer, felt after finding little to no information on the disorder as she began research and development on a documentary about LGS.

"I set a goal a few years ago to produce a documentary about LGS and I finally began research and development on it earlier this year", states Christina. "But while I was in the R & D stage, I became extremely frustrated over the lack of information available. I decided to enlist my mother to help me form this organization, in hopes that it could fill that void."

"The LGS Foundation will hopefully raise awareness about Lennox-Gastaut syndrome on a national level. It's so rare and so severe, there's no reason why there shouldn't be a ton of information out there", says co-founder Kim SanInocencio.

Lennox-Gastaut Syndrome is a rare seizure disorder which affects 1-4% of childhood epileptics. The syndrome is characterized by multiple types of seizures, including atonic, tonic-axial, atypical absence, myoclonic, and partial seizures, as well as mental retardation, and an abnormal EEG. There is no cure for the disorder and most medications and treatments cannot control the seizures.

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