

Tommy Santora



Tommy Santora was diagnosed with myasthenia gravis (MG) 24 years ago, at the age of 12, after noticing weakness in his arms and legs. He went through most of high school on a medication to help manage his symptoms, which caused him to gain a significant amount of weight until the age of 17, when he went into remission. Tommy was medicine- and symptom-free for 10 years, when, at the age of 27, he developed, drooping eyelids and double/blurry vision.

After going back on medications and sticking to a low-carb diet, Tommy was able to overcome several bouts of his double vision and is now symptom-free again. Although he is still on his medications, Tommy has many triumphs to celebrate, including maintaining a full-time job and staying active – playing softball three times a week. Tommy also holds an active role in his local support group.

“I love being in charge of the New Orleans MG Support Group and providing an outlet for people with this disease to help them to cope with what they’re going through,” Tommy said. “I want to provide hope to other people dealing with MG. MG can be a horrible disease, and several symptoms can hinder your life, but with proper treatment and a dependable and knowledgeable neurologist who specializes in treating MG, you can live a productive and rewarding life.”

Tommy currently serves as the chair of the communications committee for the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America (MGFA).

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