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## MGFA NEWS TOP STORY



### MGFA's New COVID-19 Online Resource Center

As COVID-19 diagnoses continue to increase in many communities, many of our MG Community members have asked for a collection of resources and information to help them navigate this pandemic. Check out our new COVID-19 Resource Center online.

[VISIT THE COVID-19 RESOURCE CENTER](#)

### MGFA Announces 2020 Grant Awards

MGFA supports research that will improve the lives of patients with myasthenia gravis and related neuromuscular junction disorders. We are extremely excited to announce our research Grant Funding Awards for 2020. Congratulations to Dr. Kevin O'Connor, Dr. Michael Hehir, and Dr. Jeffrey Guptill. Read more about our new funding grants.

[Read More on the Blog»](#)

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# GET INVOLVED; HOLIDAY GIVING & CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS



## MGFA Holiday End-of-Year Appeal

### Express Gratitude on MGFA Gratitude Wall

We are currently in our annual End-of-Year holiday appeal season. Please consider giving to the MGFA so we can continue delivering our many programs, support groups, and webinars while also funding the most promising MG research to find better treatments and a cure for MG.

GIVE ONLINE



## Celebrate Your Birthday and Help the MG Community

Celebrate your birthday with friends and family and help those with myasthenia gravis at the same time! Everyone has a birthday, so join our new MGFA Birthday Club and set up birthday fundraiser to celebrate. You can create a birthday page, quickly invite your friends and family to join and give, and easily see the success of your fundraiser. Plan to celebrate your Birthday with us in 2021!

CELEBRATE WITH US

## Holiday Gift Giving and Amazon Smile

How about some MGFA gifts for the holiday season? Check out the MGFA Store to purchase face coverings and shirts for your loved ones.

BUY HERE

**REMEMBER:** As you shop this holiday season, please remember to select the Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of America in [Amazon Smile](#) when you purchase your gift items. This will ensure that Amazon donates a portion of your purchase to MGFA.

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## SPOTLIGHT ON THE MG COMMUNITY



### Rosemarie D'Allesandro Finds Inspiration in Profound Tragedy

Rosemarie D'Allesandro has lived with myasthenia for years, but after the murder of her daughter, she reached beyond her disease to become an inspirational advocate. She overcame profound tragedy and MG to advocate for laws to protect children while choosing to support MGFA in events and fundraising.

[Read her amazing story»](#)

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## AWARENESS & ALERTS



### Help Researchers and Clinicians Structure their Clinical Studies

The MG Patient Registry is an active database of individuals with myasthenia gravis (MG). This data helps researchers structure and develop clinical trials and studies that attempt to scientifically target the most promising potential treatments. If you have been diagnosed with MG, please consider joining the registry today.

[Join the MG Patient Registry»](#)



## Our MG Voice – Make Your Voice Heard Concerning Telemedicine

Many of us living with myasthenia gravis have experienced the benefits of telehealth services, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. In response to this immediate need, the United States Congress has temporarily expanded access to Medicare-covered telehealth services and waived outdated statutory restrictions. Make this permanent by contacting your members of Congress today and ask them to support The Telehealth Modernization Act of 2020 (H.R. 8727/S. 4375).

[Support Telehealth»](#)

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## COMMUNITY & PROGRAMMING

### View Our Most Recent “What’s New in MG Research” Webinar



In our most recent research webinar, Dr. James “Chip” Howard highlights “The Raise Study” from UCB, a clinical trial that is showing strong promise for those living with MG.

[Watch the Webinar»](#)

### Find a Virtual MG Support Group

Are you looking to connect with others who share common MG experiences? Our MGFA Virtual Support Groups can offer you support, resources, educational programming as well as social and recreational activities. Get together virtually and catch up with friends – or make new friends. Share your story, learn from medical professionals, and offer your support. Click on the following link to learn about upcoming virtual support group meetings.

[Learn More»](#)

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