

# MGFA ANNUAL REPORT 2025

## Impacting Global Research and Empowering the MG Community Like Never Before



# RESEARCH FUNDING

## Influencing Groundbreaking MG Research for Better Treatments and New Discoveries

### Grant Funding

Through our robust grant program, the MGFA fuels scientific breakthroughs in MG diagnosis, treatment, and care. By engaging both the scientific and clinical communities, we help drive the most promising research forward. MGFA employs a rigorous and objective review process, closely aligned with NIH standards, to fund research that could prove to be “game changing” in the quest for improved treatments and quality of life for patients. The 2025 recipients illustrate our focus on disease mechanisms and biomarkers, which could enable the development of targeted therapies.



#### Maartje Huijbers, Ph.D.

Leiden University Medical Center

“Untangling the diverse effects of MuSK (auto)antibodies through antibody-receptor structure”



#### Vijay Sankaran, M.D., Ph.D.

Boston Children’s Hospital

“Dissecting genetic determinants of dendritic cell dysfunction in myasthenia gravis”



#### Sarah Hoffmann, Ph.D.

Charité - Universitätsmedizin Berlin

“Immune atlas of myasthenia gravis in blood, muscle and thymus in AChR+ patients”



#### Valentina D’Amato, M.D., Ph.D.

University of Florence (Università degli Studi di Firenze)

“From thymoma to tolerance breakdown: Identifying predictive biomarkers of myasthenia gravis development”



#### Michael Benatar M.D., Ph.D.

University of Miami

“CAPTURE-MG study (Clinical Procedures to Support Research in Myasthenia Gravis), enabling biospecimen collection from patients enrolled across MGNet sites”



#### Alexandra Bayer Wildberger, Ph.D.

Yale School of Medicine

“The Role and Molecular Function of the Antibody Immunoglobulin M in MG”

2025

\$1,015,390

awarded in grant funding

1

Clinical Scientist Development Award in Myasthenia Gravis

in partnership with the American Brain Foundation

4

High Impact Pilot Project Awards

1

Myasthenia Gravis Rare Disease Network Award

# MGFA 15th International Conference on Myasthenia and Related Disorders



The MGFA International Conference for Myasthenia and Related Disorders is the most prominent gathering of researchers and medical professionals in the global MG community. Attendees come together every three years to present their work, learn from accomplished peers, and showcase the latest groundbreaking research that will impact the future of the treatment and MG management landscape. The 2025 conference was hosted outside of the United States for the first time in its history. Nearly 700 speakers, researchers, and industry partners from around the world converged at the Postillion Convention Center in The Hague, The Netherlands to lead and participate in informative and thought-provoking sessions, panels, roundtable discussions and interactive debates. Topics included the future of precision medicine, the use of artificial intelligence and technology to track symptoms, new autoimmune therapies and treatments, personalized care, and CAR T-cell therapy. More than 240 research abstracts were accepted this year—an unprecedented amount—demonstrating the accelerated progress in how we understand and treat MG, now and in the future.

73

Presentations

241

Posters

660

Attendees

44

Countries represented

10

Industry partners

## MGFA Scientific Session at the AANEM



Held in San Francisco in October 2025, the MGFA Scientific Session at the AANEM annual meeting gave a platform for nearly 100 medical professionals to share their latest findings, clinical research, and progress on different aspects of MG and related disorders of the neuromuscular junction. Keynote speaker Ryan Hibbs, PhD, shared the autoimmune mechanisms he and his team elucidated through detailed 3D modeling of the muscle acetylcholine receptor structure.

21

Global presenters

98

Posters

380+

Attendees

# EDUCATIONAL & COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

## MGFA National Patient Conference

MGFA hosted its annual National Patient Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in 2025, and a record-setting number of MG community members attended, both in person and virtually. This extraordinary event is the preeminent annual gathering of the myasthenia gravis community in the world. Those who traveled to the lovely Arizona Grand Resort & Spa were treated to multiple opportunities to connect, learn from each other, educate themselves about MG, and engage with old friends while meeting new ones. Thanks to our generous partners, registration for patients and care partners has been free of charge since 2024 to ensure wider accessibility for the community. For the first time, strategic partners also provided patient “Experience Rooms” so attendees could learn about MG treatments, acquire tips for managing MG, and participate in fun and meaningful activities. Sessions dealt with topics focused on advocacy, treatment insights, progress for improved quality of life, and changing the conversation about MG to focus on inspiring new developments.

March 30 - April 1, 2025  
Phoenix

**403**  
In-person attendees

**400+**  
Virtual attendees

**10**  
Sessions

**16**  
Industry partners

“The most valuable part of the conference was meeting with the drug companies, where I learned more about the new drugs and those completing their trials. As a patient who has had success with one drug that lost its efficacy after a year, it was encouraging to know where are other options.”

— National Patient Conference Attendee

“Everyone I interacted with was amazing! Whether it was MGFA staff, Resource Fair booth volunteers, or fellow attendees—there was a great sense of community. I really felt welcomed by long-time attendees and met so many people. It was the first time I had ever spoken to someone living with MG, and I cannot emphasize how positive of an experience this was for me personally.”

— National Patient Conference Attendee



# Community Health Fairs

Our Community Health Fairs bring together patients and their families in cities across the United States and, for the first time in 2025, in Canada. Attendees connect with local medical and wellness providers, industry partners, and other patients to learn from shared experiences and gain support.

## 2025 Locations

### San Francisco

Raleigh

Nashville

New York City

Tampa

Orange County /  
Los Angeles

Denver

### Toronto Metro Area

Boston

DMV

Seattle

Chicago

Houston

Phoenix



2025

14

Events

555

Attendees

28

Speakers

“Having been diagnosed just over a year ago, this was the first time I met people who also have [MG] face to face.”

— Community Health Fair Attendee

# MG Walks

MG Walks focus on awareness, celebration of community strength, and fundraising to enhance our mission. The various MG Walks, located in six cities in 2025, offered the opportunity for members of the MG community to connect and network while also driving increased MG awareness and raising critical funds for MGFA programs, education, and research grant funding efforts.



2025

6

Walks

841

Participants

\$103,343

Funds raised

## 2025 Locations

Boston  
New York  
Southern California  
Tampa Bay  
Washington, DC  
Houston

# STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

## High-impact Events and Programs to Advance Strategic Priorities

### MG Patient Advocacy Organization Summit

For the first time ever, the MGFA convened stakeholders from multiple patient advocacy organizations to discuss how to merge synergies across the global MG community. Leaders from MG-focused organizations in Europe, the Middle East, and Australia came together in The Hague, The Netherlands to discuss the needs of individuals living with MG and their care partners. We explored critical gaps and systemic issues in MG diagnosis, care, and awareness and evaluated how we could work together on future educational and MG-focused resources.

**May 11-12, 2025**

**The Hague, The Netherlands**



**44**

Attendees

**17**

Countries represented

### MGFA Stakeholders Roundtable

At the 2025 MGFA Stakeholders Roundtable, attendees shared collective vision, intellect, and resources concerning the health and mental wellbeing of MG patients in early-stage disease intervention. The collective team planned for new, timely, patient-centric resources to be delivered in 2026.

**November 20-21, 2025**

**The Seaport Hotel, Boston**

**43**

Total attendees

**21**

Strategic partner representatives

**9**

Partner companies

# EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS, PUBLICATIONS, AND MEDIA

MGFA is the preeminent source of education and informational resources for the MG community. We serve as a convener, thought leader, and the “Educator-in-Chief” for individuals in need of current, objective, and accurate MG-focused educational materials to help them navigate their disease and improve their quality of life.

MGFA delivers a diverse set of print publications and digital content that are easily accessible to people around the world. Individuals diagnosed with MG, caregivers, researchers, and medical professionals all rely on the MGFA’s unique, robust set of materials.

## MG Lexicon

As an outcome of the MGFA Stakeholders Roundtable held in 2024, the MGFA developed the MG Lexicon to bridge the gap in terminology between doctors and patients. Produced in collaboration with patients, medical professionals, and industry partners, the MG Lexicon defines terms related to diagnosing, living with, and managing MG to make it easier to understand complex words and concepts related to MG care.

**1,400** individuals  
viewed the MG Lexicon in  
the first month of its launch  
(December 2025)

## MGFA Webinars

### Top 4 Webinar Topics of 2025

- The Changing MG Conversation
- Functional Nutrition
- CAR T-Cell Therapies
- Clinical Trial Updates

2025

**15**

Webinars

**1,147**

Attendees

**5,732**

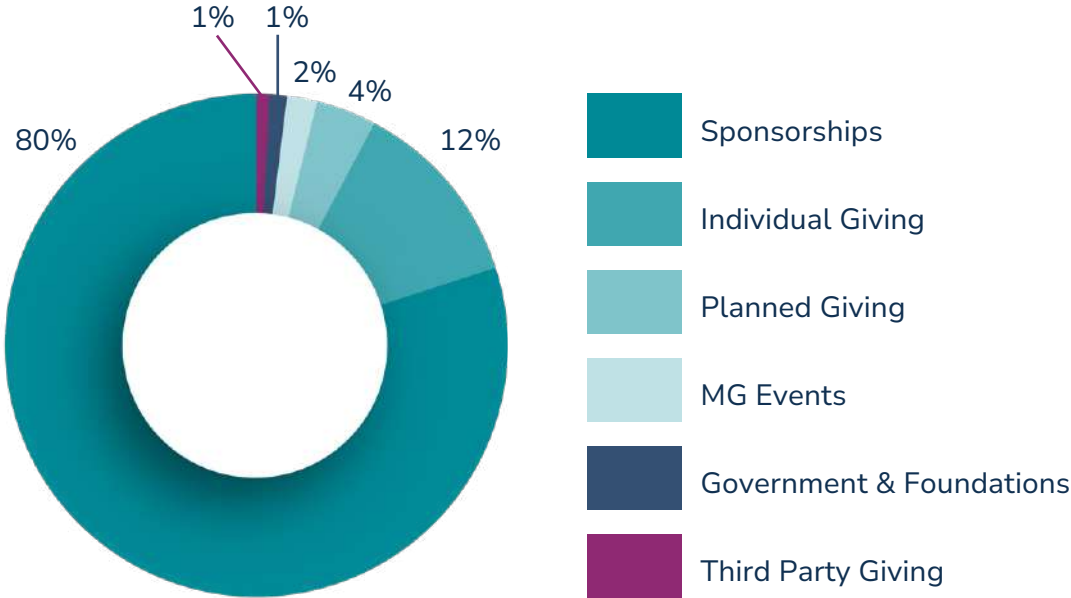
Views of webinars  
on YouTube

# YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT LEADS TO OUR IMPACT AND PROGRESS AGAINST MYASTHENIA GRAVIS

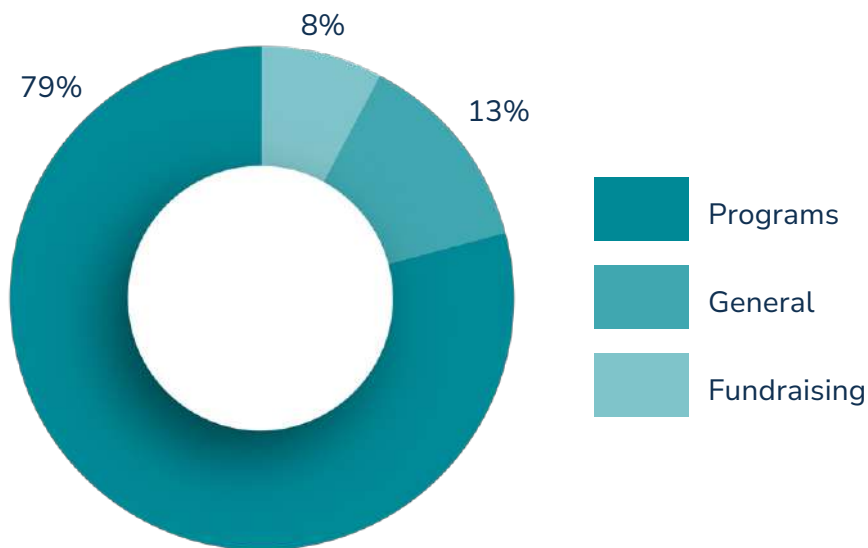
PUBLIC SUPPORT	2023	2024	2025	2025 %
Individual Giving	518,989	943,213	796,709	12%
Third Party Giving	151,236	56,855	55,156	1%
Planned Giving	259,478	203,417	228,181	4%
Government & Foundations	47,403	34,433	76,047	1%
Sponsorships	1,985,000	3,586,366	5,190,526	80%
MG Events	(23,580)	(114,831)	107,285	2%
<b>Total Public Support</b>	<b>2,938,526</b>	<b>4,709,454</b>	<b>6,453,904</b>	<b>100%</b>

REVENUE	2023	2024	2025
Research Studies	56,668	133,332	30,000
Conference & Other Fees	76,042	71,341	573,324
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>132,710</b>	<b>204,673</b>	<b>603,324</b>

TOTAL SUPPORT & REVENUE	3,071,236	4,914,127	7,057,228
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<b>PROGRAM EXPENSES</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2025</b>
Community & Patient Services	377,411	522,810	562,164
Education & Advocacy	922,537	1,372,862	1,729,818
Research	1,067,875	1,652,360	3,214,386
<b>Total Program Expenses</b>	<b>2,367,823</b>	<b>3,548,032</b>	<b>5,506,368</b>
Management & General	504,747	616,598	876,234
Fundraising	523,411	532,503	596,247
<b>Total Supporting Services</b>	<b>1,028,158</b>	<b>1,149,101</b>	<b>1,472,481</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>3,395,981</b>	<b>4,697,133</b>	<b>6,978,849</b>
<b>Nonoperating Income</b>	<b>903,033</b>	<b>876,136</b>	<b>1,299,266</b>
<b>Net Change in Assets</b>	<b>578,287</b>	<b>1,093,130</b>	<b>1,377,645</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>	<b>10,611,110</b>	<b>11,704,240</b>	<b>13,081,885</b>



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## **Our Vision** A World Without MG

## **Our Mission** Create Connections, Enhance Lives, Improve Care, Cure MG

### **How You Can Support the MGFA**

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Help spread awareness  
about the need for research

