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Center of Excellence for Tourette Syndrome*

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GREATS

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VISIT SITE



Change the world. Stand With The GreaTS! Join the global community to break down social stigmas, create awareness, and provide support resources around Tourette Syndrome. This is your chance to make a difference. Get involved today at Standwiththegreats.org.



Pedro & Marcella from
Naperville, IL

Add your picture to the GreaTS Gallery!

Get your tee. Take a pic. Post it to Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram using #standwiththegreats and be featured alongside Tim Howard and other GreaTS around the world on Standwiththegreats.org

June 4 is TS Awareness Day in New Jersey

NJCTS received an official proclamation from Governor Chris Christie recognizing June 4th as Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day in New Jersey. Senator Christopher "Kip" Bateman (R-16) presented the proclamation to NJCTS Executive Director Faith Rice and staff on the steps of the Somerset County



Courthouse. Senator Bateman is a friend to NJCTS who has supported us for many years and we thank him for his continued support as we expand research, education, and awareness for the TS community!

Families from all corners of New Jersey received proclamations from their towns to mark this important day. This is a great opportunity for kids to advocate and become part of the NJCTS effort to stamp out stigma and gain understanding and acceptance for all people living with Tourette Syndrome.



Family Retreat Weekend provides community and support

The 12th Annual NJCTS Family Retreat Weekend at YMCA Camp Bernie took place June 10-12, 2016. Families traveled from far and wide with many attending for the first time. [These photos](#), taken by our wonderful volunteer photographer Allen Jones, show families bonding and sharing their stories and participating in camp activities, including swimming, basketball, wall climbing, archery, arts & crafts, and so much more. We hope you all enjoyed the Skype call with TS kids and families in Turkey through our Global GreaTS Connection! Thank you to all who attended, volunteered, and donated to this unforgettable weekend!

Please help ensure that this critical family support program continues. Join our Retreat Weekend Committee by contacting NJCTS Family Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator Barbara Chabner at bchabner@njcts.org or by calling 908-575-7350.

Teens Tackle Tourette's

NJCTS Youth Advocate Mike Hayden inspired his high school English class to organize, promote, and host a TS awareness and fundraising event called "Teens Tackle Tourette's." They recently hosted an awareness walk on their high school campus which raised more than \$1000 for NJCTS! For the past several months, NJCTS and Mike have educated his class about Tourette Syndrome and answered their questions about the misunderstood disorder. The T3



NJCTS Youth Advocate Mike Hayden with Dr. David Levesque at the Teens Tackle Tourette's event at

students are a passionate group and we are proud of all they have accomplished.

Pascack Valley High School

[Click here to read how Mike inspired his class to tackle a cause near and dear to him.](#)

[Click here to read the article about T3 in Pascack Valley Community Life.](#)



NJ Walks for TS @ Medford Lakes - Register, start a team, and start fundraising!

When: Sunday, September 18. On-site registration begins at 7am.

Where: PJ Whelihan's Pub & Restaurant, 61 Stokes Rd., Medford Lakes, NJ 08055

Visit njcts.org/walk for more info.

NJCTS Youth Advocate featured on ABC's "NJ Viewpoint"

We are so proud of NJCTS Youth Advocate Tess Kowalski and her dad Tim who were interviewed by ABC's Ken Rosato for "NJ Viewpoint." Thank you for representing NJCTS and for all you continue to do to raise Tourette Syndrome awareness!



[Click here to watch Tess and Tim on ABC!](#)



Youth Advocate Ally Abad recognized by North Brunswick High School

North Brunswick High School recognized NJCTS Youth Advocate Ally Abad for her efforts in raising awareness for Tourette Syndrome. As co-chair of the NJ Walks for TS at Princeton event and an active Youth Advocate, Ally is making a difference in the lives of TS kids everywhere. Here she is accepting a generous donation from the North Brunswick High School on behalf of NJCTS. Thank you Ally and NBHS!

South Jersey Youth Advocates recognized for their advocacy

efforts

South Jersey NJCTS Youth Advocates continued their advocacy work in recognition of Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day in New Jersey on June 4th. Anna, Sarah, and Eric Baldwin gave a keynote address at the Dare to Dream Student Leadership Conference at Rowan College while Dan Ortnier led a Youth Advocate Presentation at Gateway Regional High School. Later, Gina Cordero from Congressman Donald Norcross's office presented congressional proclamations to Anna, Sarah, Eric, and Dan for their "dedication and advocacy" on behalf of Tourette Syndrome.



Assemblyman Jack Ciattarelli advocates for The GreaTS

NJCTS thanks Assemblyman Jack M. Ciattarelli for his ongoing support of the TS community. Assemblyman Ciattarelli recently introduced a resolution which would mark June 4th Tourette Syndrome Awareness Day in New Jersey, year after year!

[Watch and share this clip](#) of a recent press event at the State House in Trenton with NJCTS Executive Director Faith Rice and NJCTS Youth Advocate Hallie Hoffman.

NJCTS was at the State House in Trenton advocating for the TS community and recruiting legislators to "Stand With The GreaTS." [Click here to see photos from the event.](#)

Youth Scholarship Award Winners Announced

NJCTS is proud to announce the 2016 recipients of the annual Youth Scholarship Award. Each student was selected for his or her academic achievement, community service, and accomplishments as an individual with TS. Since 2001, the NJCTS Youth Scholarship Award has been awarded to more than 200 outstanding high school seniors in the state of New Jersey who have excelled in their schools, communities, and lives—representing themselves as excellent advocates for Tourette Syndrome.

Congratulations to our 1st place winner, Sean Kennedy of Turnersville! Read Sean's essay, "Thank you, Tourette's" and more by [clicking here](#). Congratulations to our winners, finalists, and nominees!



SAVE THE DATE! Your child's rights in the classroom: Making

the most of support services and resources

When: October 23, 2016

Where: Virtua Hospital in Voorhees, NJ

What: NJCTS invites families to attend a workshop which will provide training on education advocacy strategies and a review of IEP/504 plans.



Stay tuned for registration details. For more information, call us at 908-575-7350.

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Request your "I have Tourette Syndrome" card

Have you ever needed help explaining to others that you have Tourette Syndrome?

This wallet-friendly card has all the information you need to notify medical professionals, police officers, etc, about this misunderstood disorder.

I have Tourette Syndrome

a neurological disorder that causes me to make uncontrollable movements and sounds. According to the *National Institutes of Health* 1 in 100 people show signs of this disorder, so it's much more common than you think.

For more information or to offer your support, call the *NJ Center for Tourette Syndrome* at **908 575 7350** or visit their website www.njcts.org.

Thank you for understanding.



Order your copy today by calling 908-575-7350 or by email at info@njcts.org.

Save the date for these upcoming events!

August 4-7: 3rd Annual NJCTS Tim Howard Leadership Academy

August 24: Wednesday Webinar: "What is Dyslexia and what can we do about it?"

September 18: NJ Walks for TS at Medford Lakes



September 21: **Wednesday Webinar: "Life Cycle of Tics"**

October 12: **Wednesday Webinar: "Transitioning from high school to college"**

October 23: **Your child's rights in the classroom: Making the most of support services and resources. Family friendly workshop.**

[Check out our calendar for more events in your area!](#)



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