



## Our Mission

The Lily Foundation is committed to finding a cure for Mitochondrial Disease and other metabolic disorders through funding research, raising awareness and providing support to those involved and affected by mitochondrial disorders.

### Research

There are currently no effective treatments or cures available for Mitochondrial Disease.

Recent advances in technology using exome and genome sequencing techniques, have given doctors the first glimpse of hope that a breakthrough in this area might happen soon, so funding this medical research now is vital.

We support research initiatives at Guy's and St Thomas' / Evelina Children's Hospital, Newcastle University and Great Ormond Street Hospital/ Institute of Child Health.

Our funding enables doctors to get a better understanding of how mitochondria function. This helps to identify new disease causing genes and improves the speed and accuracy of diagnosis. This also aids the development of effective treatment options, techniques to prevent transmission of these conditions and ultimately we hope one day to find a cure.

### Raising Awareness

To diagnose Mitochondrial Disease there needs to be greater awareness throughout the health service. Together with Newcastle University we are developing an information website which will give accurate and easy to understand information on all the different types of Mitochondrial Disease as well as symptom management and current treatment options.

We fund training of medical professionals to ensure they have the most up to date information on global advances in this area.

We present at schools and public events to raise awareness and help people understand more about these rare but life threatening diseases.

### Support

We offer support to families through direct personal contact, by phone, email and through our network of affected families. We can help explain complex medical terminology and be a shoulder to lean on when things get tough. We understand what they are going through.

We fund parent accommodation at a number of UK hospitals so that families can be close to their sick children. With children sometimes having to travel great distances to receive the treatment they need, it is really important to have their families close by.

When time with a sick child is limited, we can offer short breaks to Centre Parcs so that families can have uninterrupted time together and build lasting memories that can be cherished after their child has passed.

We offer bereavement counselling to help families deal with the tragedy of losing their child.

The Lily Foundation would not exist without generous donations from individuals, companies and the wider community. Without your support we could not achieve any of the things we do now.

Thank you.

