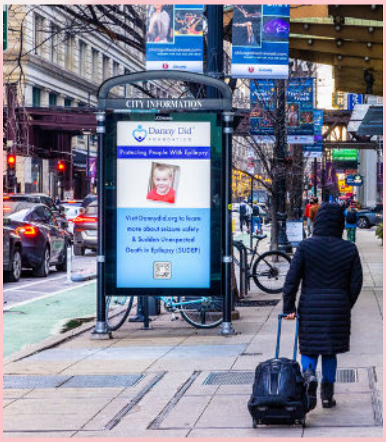
DANNY DID EPILEPSY FOUNDATION

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



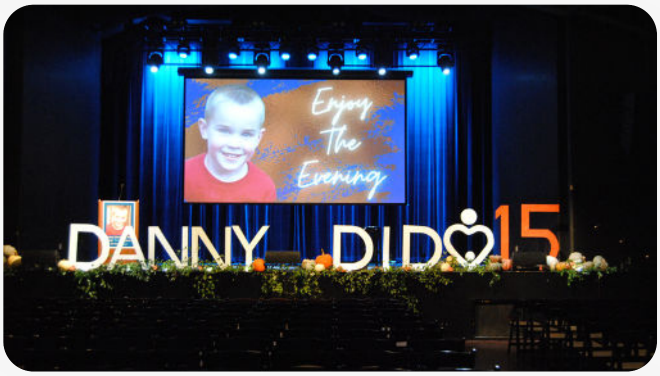
HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2024

IN-STORE WALGREENS AWARENESS & FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

We once again partnered with Walgreens to raise awareness and funds in more than 200 Walgreens locations in greater Chicago, Wisconsin and Indiana.

15TH ANNUAL EVENING OF HEARTS & HUGS EVENT

Our annual gala in Chicago achieved record-setting fundraising numbers. This event welcomed nearly 500 guests to Theater On The Lake in Lincoln Park.



CO-HOSTED 3RD ANNUAL DEVICE ACCELERATOR COURSE

In collaboration with the Epilepsy Foundation, we facilitated a 3rd Annual six-week virtual course to provide resources and experts for five new epilepsy device companies.

IHEART RADIO PUBLIC AWARENESS SPANING COAST TO COAST

PARTNERS AGAINST MORTALITY IN EPILEPSY (PAME) CONFERENCE

Danny Did co-hosted a SOLD OUT meeting in Los Angeles that was attended by more than 300 bereaved caregivers, healthcare professionals, researchers, and advocates to advance progress against mortality in epilepsy.

NEW EDUCATIONAL CAMPAIGNS LAUNCHED ON WEBMD AND MEDSCAPE

Danny Did forged a new parnership with Northwestern Medicine to reach people with epilepsy, caregivers and doctors through two of the largest online heath information platforms

TABLE OF CONTENTS

MEET DANNY

Danny Did®
FOUNDATION

MEET DANNY

Danny Stanton was born on March 2, 2005. Danny died on December 12, 2009.

A wonderfully normal two years of development followed his birth as Danny joined his sister Mary Grace and his brother Johnny and took his place as kid number three in the Stanton family. He was, as his grandma Murtaugh dubbed him, the "little toughie" of the family. The kid was a scrapper who held his own as he established his place within his family. Even at two years of age, he had established himself –somehow, and in many ways– as an equal not only in terms of experiencing life, but also as one who brought experience to the lives of everyone in his family. Soon, Danny was no longer the youngest Stanton, as his brother Tommy came along when Danny was two.

It was at age two when Danny had his first seizure. His eyes rolled back and he shook. We did not know what was happening. We dialed 911 then rushed him to our next-door neighbor, who is a paramedic. Danny seized for almost 10 minutes. On that night, we had a battery of tests done at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago. There was no known reason or cause found for Danny's seizure. No injury, no trigger. We were told that sometimes seizures in children have no known cause and that kids often outgrow them. The experience was terrifying.

We left the hospital that night without any written information about seizures or seizure disorders, sans any mention of epilepsy or epilepsy organizations, and sans anything short of the feeling that we had fallen into a hole that had no bottom. Sudden Unexpected Death In Epilepsy, of course, crossed no lips and fell upon no ears. Danny began sleeping in bed with us after that first seizure.

Danny had a second seizure while sleeping just over a month later. After this second seizure, he had an MRI. Again, no underlying cause was found for his seizures. Danny was then put on a variety of medicines to control the seizures, and regular electroencephalograms (EEGs) were scheduled and performed. His neurologist determined that Danny had childhood seizure disorder. Still no mention of epilepsy, still no suggestion of outreach to epilepsy organizations, and still, of course, no mention of Sudden Unexpected Death In Epilepsy. What we were told was this: he'll outgrow it, many kids experience this, we don't know why it happens, maybe it's "his normal." How might life be different had a sophisticated and tough-minded doctor sat us down and said "let me tell you something that will shock you but that I am mandated both by my profession and by my personal sense of duty to inform you of . . . your son has epilepsy, and along with this diagnosis comes a plethora of safety issues that you need to become aware of..."

Danny's daily behavior was completely normal. He continued to be athletic, inquisitive, engaging, social, and, more than anything, affectionate. As we continued meeting with Danny's neurologist for regular check-ups, we became more and more comfortable with the idea that we were doing all we could for Danny and that we were on a clear and well-defined path. We were told that a slightly abnormal EEG might just be Danny's 'normal.'

After sleeping with us for a half a year, Danny began to return to his own bed. On hundreds of occasions we left our bed to check on him. We caught him twice more having a seizure in his sleep. We informed our doctors of every event.

We continued to trust and believe that we were doing all that we could. Birthdays, holidays, block parties . . . each month brought more punch to us as a family, and each day brought hugs from Danny: he'd tuck his arms into his own chest and then wait for you to surround his body with yours. He'd then nestle his head under your chin, take a deep breath, and let his exhale say that he had found the spot.

After a year of no known seizures, Danny returned again to his own bed. And then as he turned four and had gone without a known seizure for 18 months, we thought that our course of action had been successful and that his neurologist was right: Danny would, through medicine and time, outgrow his 'seizure disorder.' It was like a rebirth for us and for Danny.

On Tuesday, December 8, 2009, we took Danny for a scheduled appointment with his neurologist. He had a one-hour EEG done while sleeping, and we met with his doctor afterward. There was still abnormal activity showing up, but maybe a lesser amount than the previous EEG showed. We increased Danny's dosage that day to accommodate a slight weight gain since his last visit.

Four days later, on December 12, 2009, we found Danny's lifeless body in his bed at 7:15 am.

How many seizures did Danny have that we did not catch? We will never know. One thing we do know are the last words to ever fall upon that little toughie's ears. They are the words whispered by his mom to Danny each and every night as she put him to bed: "I love you, sweet boy." These words were always followed by three kisses: one to the forehead, one to the nose, and one to the lips. I love you, sweet boy.

Now life continues –in many respects– albeit without the soft bounce of one little boy's feet upon the dirt of the Earth. Our Danny boy has entered a new phase, part of which is in the form of his organization, the Danny Did Foundation, which derives from the last line of Danny's obituary: Please go and enjoy your life. Danny did.

Letter from the DDF Co-Founders

Imperfectly, our son Danny had epilepsy. Tragically, our son Danny died from epilepsy. Specifically, Danny died from Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy, also known as SUDEP. Graphically, Mariann found Danny dead in his bed one cold December morning two weeks before Christmas in 2009. Horrifically, we tried to resuscitate Danny that morning in front of his sister Mary Grace and his two brothers, Johnny and Tommy. Distressingly, we believed that we had been doing everything possible to care for Danny.

Through two years of treatment by medical professionals, we were never informed that Danny had epilepsy, and even though Danny suffered from seizures we were never informed that Danny could die from one of his seizures. We were never told about SUDEP. We were never given information about organizations that could educate and support us as we swirled through Danny's seizure episodes.

And so when Danny died, we knew that he and that we had been robbed of the opportunities of a lifetime. An actual lifetime. And we were furious. And we asked each other in our bedroom on that morning in December – after we had returned home from the hospital where Danny's body had grown cold atop of ours as we laid with him - we asked ourselves, "how could this happen?"

Part of our answer to that question has been the formation of the Danny Did Foundation, which we are nurturing and developing as if it were part of Danny himself, and together with so many other individuals and organizations, we are changing the perception of epilepsy and the outlook for those afflicted by epilepsy.

And so as one year closes and another begins, we look forward to new partnerships and to new alliances as we continue our work to enable access to seizure monitoring and detecting devices for families who cannot afford them, and to advance awareness of epilepsy and the risks that accompany it, including Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy. Thank you for your participation and for helping to prevent another death caused by a seizure.

Mariann and Mike Stanton

Letter from the DDF President

The year 2024 continued progress and excitement at Danny Did. We expanded new and innovative awareness programs - including our first Spanish-language campaign - continuing our relentless drumbeat of epilepsy and SUDEP education for the general public. We also partnered with Pretola Health to provide a SUDEP education course that reached healthcare providers across 54 low-and-middle income countries.

This year, my nephew Danny would have been a college sophomore, experiencing a time of excitement when his curiosity, talents and friendships would have expanded with the passing of another school year. Epilepsy impacts 1 in 26 Americans, and is second only to stroke among neurological disorders in Years of Potential Life Lost (YPLL). Each family who has lost a loved one to epilepsy knows how painful those lost years can be. The communication between medical professionals and their patients about risk of SUDEP, while improving, remains unacceptably low.

As we look back at the past 12 months, what makes us most proud is that our support for families in need has extended to all 50 states and 18 countries, support that many have described as life altering. Our small nonprofit continues to be the leading national outlet for access to seizure detection devices. As we grow and reach people and communities in need, we both appreciate and urge your continued partnership. We are excited and inspired to close gaps in epilepsy care.

With hope and gratitude,

Tom Stanton

Mission

To advance awareness of epilepsy and Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy (SUDEP), protect people with epilepsy, and prevent deaths caused by seizures.

Vision

To create a reality in which healthcare providers openly communicate SUDEP and all mortality-related risks with their patients or caregivers.

To elevate awareness of, and access to, technologies that provide early intervention and added safety when a seizure occurs.

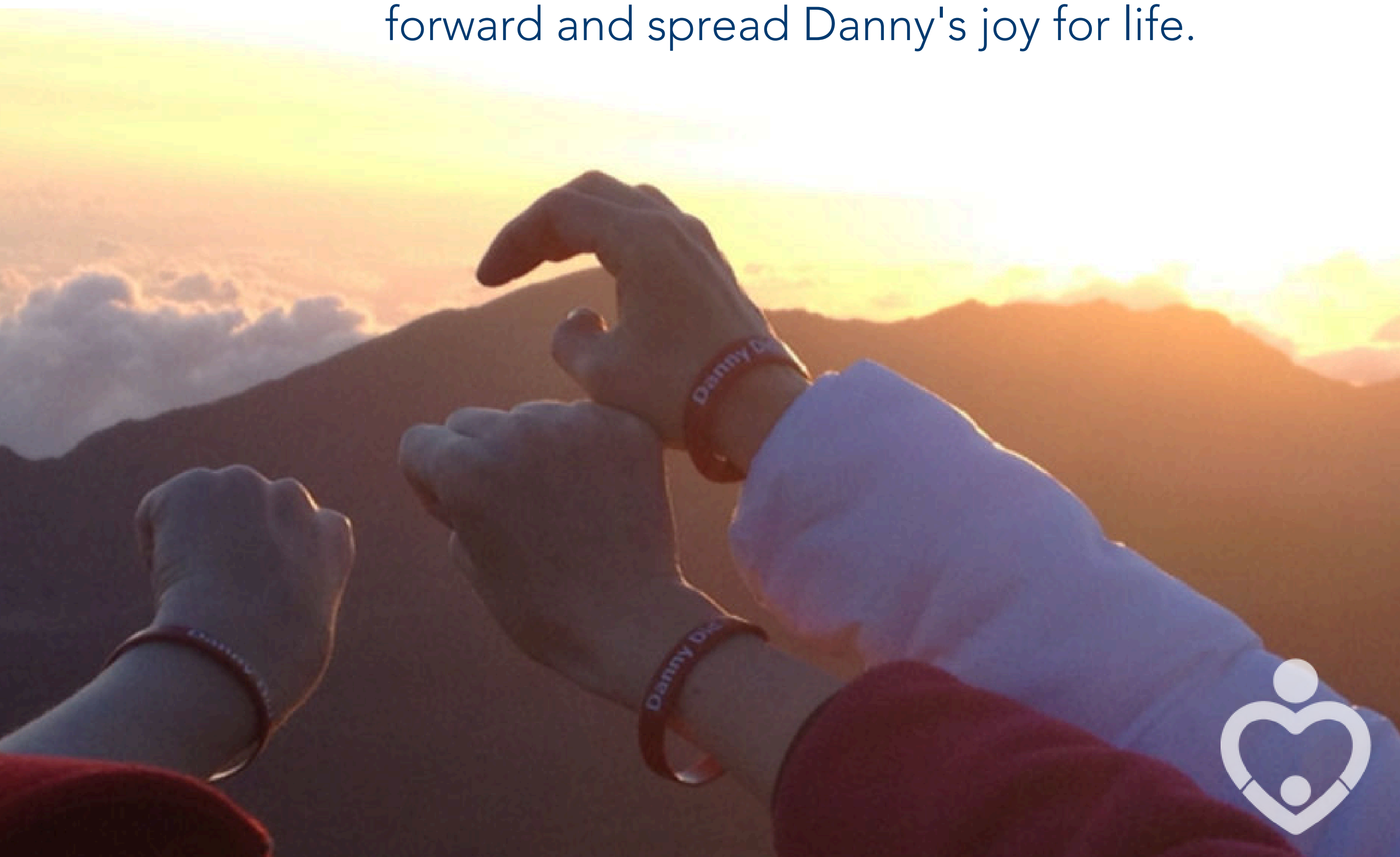
Values

Family Love: Everything we do is in service of families;

Preparation: We help families prepare to protect their loved ones;

Hope: We hold hope for a brighter future;

Enjoyment of Life: Our work is meant to carry forward and spread Danny's joy for life.

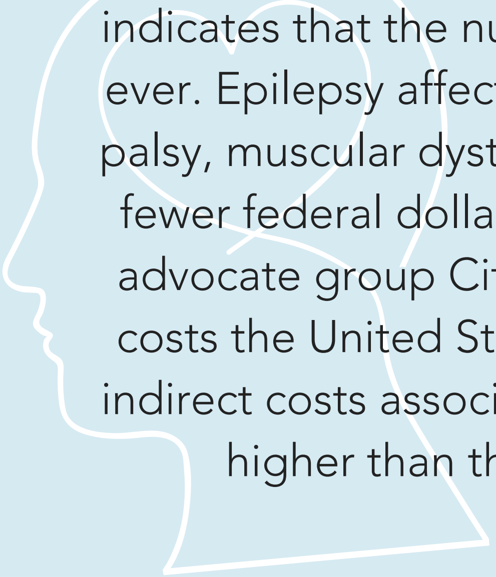


ABOUT EPILEPSY

A seizure is a sudden behavioral change resulting from excessive electrical activity in the brain. Seizures may be provoked (also known as acute symptomatic; for example, a fever in a young child, drug intoxication or withdrawal, electrolyte imbalance) or unprovoked, resulting from a genetic, developmental, acquired (for example, head trauma, tumor, stroke), or an unknown cause.

- When a person has two or more unprovoked seizures, they are typically diagnosed with epilepsy.
- An estimated 3.4 million Americans have active epilepsy, with up to 200,000 new cases diagnosed in the United States each year.
- Approximately 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy at some point in their lives.
- The onset of epilepsy is highest in children and older adults.
- Epilepsy impacts 65 million people worldwide and is a spectrum that spans more than 40 syndromes.
- Despite all available treatments, 30 to 40 percent of people with epilepsy continue to experience uncontrolled seizures.
- In two-thirds of patients diagnosed with epilepsy, the cause is unknown.

A report from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) indicates that the number of Americans with epilepsy is higher than ever. Epilepsy affects more people than multiple sclerosis, cerebral palsy, muscular dystrophy, and Parkinson’s combined – yet receives fewer federal dollars per patient than each of these. According to advocate group Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy, epilepsy costs the United States approximately $15.5 billion each year. The indirect costs associated with uncontrolled seizures are seven times higher than that of the average for all chronic diseases.



ABOUT SUDEP

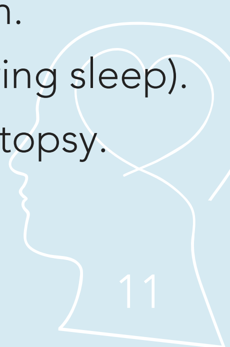
Seizures can sometimes be fatal from a range of causes, and no matter how the death is defined, every time it is a huge loss. There are numerous ways that a person can die stemming from seizure activity – drowning, an accident, head trauma, suicide, or status epilepticus. Another category of epilepsy mortality is Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy, or SUDEP. SUDEP is the most common category of death in epilepsy. SUDEP is just that: sudden and unexpected. The most recent research shows that a case of SUDEP occurs in 1 in 1,000 people with controlled epilepsy, and for 1 out of 150 people with uncontrolled epilepsy.

The Danny Did Foundation pledges to shine a light on SUDEP for as long as is necessary to achieve major progress in awareness and in the advancement of preventative measures.

WHAT DEFINES A CASE OF SUDEP?

SUDEP is not a cause of death but rather a category of death. A death is referred to as SUDEP when a seemingly healthy person with epilepsy dies unexpectedly and no clear reason for the death can be determined. In most cases, an autopsy is required to rule out other causes of death. The most common criteria used to determine whether a death is due to SUDEP are:

- The person has epilepsy, which is defined as recurrent unprovoked seizures.
- The person died unexpectedly while in a reasonable state of health.
- The death occurred suddenly and during normal activity (often during sleep).
- An obvious medical cause of death could not be determined at autopsy.
- The death was not the direct result of status epilepticus.



2024 YEAR IN REVIEW

Danny Did® FOUNDATION

Awareness Campaigns

15 Campaigns in 2024

EPILEPSY AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON:

WBBM NEWSRADIO 780AM · 105.9FM
CHICAGO

KNX NEWS 97.1 FM
LOS ANGELES

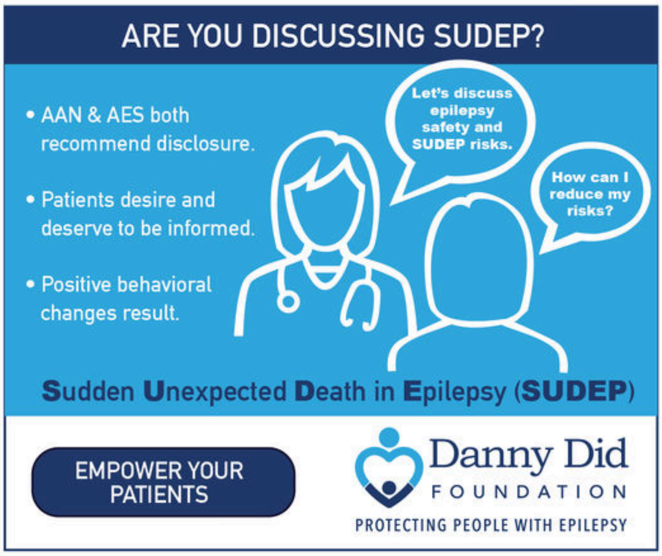
NATIONAL RADIO CAMPAIGN

OUTDOOR BILLBOARDS EXPANSION

CHICAGO CITY BUS WRAPPED

EXPANSION OF AIRPORT AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS

SPANISH LANGUAGE CAMPAIGN



ARE YOU DISCUSSING SUDEP?

- AAN & AES both recommend disclosure.
- Patients desire and deserve to be informed.
- Positive behavioral changes result.

Sudden **U**nexpected **D**eath in **E**pilepsy (**SUDEP**)

EMPOWER YOUR PATIENTS

Danny Did FOUNDATION
PROTECTING PEOPLE WITH EPILEPSY

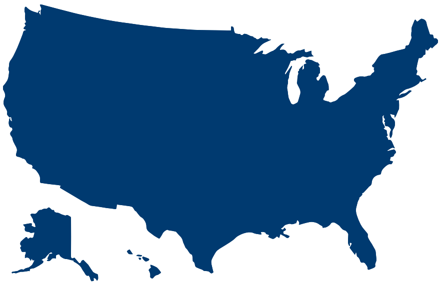
NEW CAMPAIGNS ON WEBMD AND MEDSCAPE

For a collective reach of more than nearly 10 million people!

SUPPORTING FAMILIES

SEIZURE DEVICE GRANTS

50
STATES



18
COUNTRIES

3,632
DIRECT GRANTS

We are the leading national agency to provide seizure alert devices for families in need. These systems provide added safety for patients, reduce anxiety, and enhanced peace of mind for caregivers.

STORIES OF IMPACT

Danny Did®
FOUNDATION

FAMILIES STORIES OF IMPACT

Thompson Family, Ohio

"Our family would like to thank everyone at the Danny Did Foundation for what you do to help children who have epilepsy. I could never express how much it means to us. This diagnosis has turned our world upside down, and we have experienced some of the darkest days of our lives. Our sweet girl has been through so much, but now she can finally get back to her own bed and we can all have some peace of mind. You guys have been such a blessing to us during this difficult time. Hopefully one day we will be able to give back to the Danny Did Foundation. We will never forget what Danny Did Foundation did for us, and we will be sure to tell everyone!"

Catanese Family, New Jersey

"My son, Anthony, recently had a seizure and the Sami caught it and alerted us. This is the first time that he had a seizure using the new monitor and I couldn't be more happy and more grateful for this.

It really has put my mind at ease that I can start actually letting him sleep alone for the first time in 4 years since he was diagnosed with epilepsy.

Thank you again for your foundation and for helping my family during this trying time for us."

Beisel Family, Texas

"Thank you again for helping us keep Nora Safe! Epilepsy was never on our radar- especially in TWO of our 5 kiddos... we are so grateful for organizations like yours who are working hard to educate families and keep our loved ones safe."

DOCTORS

STORIES OF IMPACT

Pediatric Neurologist, Massachusetts

I am a neurologist at the Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School. I saw the sign from your foundation at O'Hare Airport. I was in Chicago giving a lecture at Northwestern about epilepsy in Africa.I work in the Republic of Guinea in West Africa and treat several hundred people with epilepsy there. I have seen >1000 PWE since 2017 there and have written several papers on the work. We have been observing SUDEP in our patients and I have been hoping to do more work on this area. Your Foundation is the first I have seen that is global and interested in SUDEP.Thank you for your important work on this.

Medical School Student, Illinois

I loved this presentation. I thought that the parents of children with epilepsy telling us what they wish their doctors would have told them, such as education on sudep and referring to resources such as Danny Did, and giving us actionable items that we can do as future physicians was incredibly helpful.

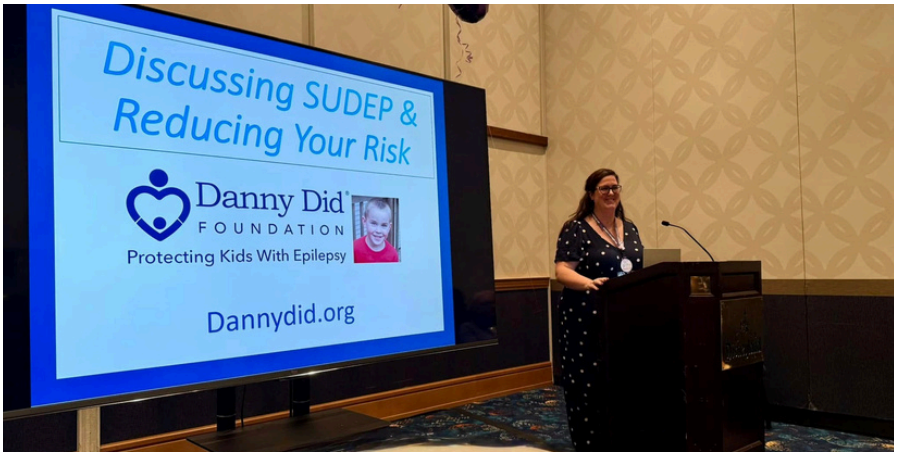
Educational

32 Presentations in 2024

THE
UNIVERSITY OF
ILLINOIS
COLLEGE
OF MEDICINE
PEORIA CHICAGO ROCKFORD URBANA

PRESENTING TO MEDICAL STUDENTS ACROSS THE COUNTRY

DISCUSSED THE TOPIC OF SUDDEN UNEXPECTED DEATH IN EPILEPSY DURING AN INTERVIEW HOSTED BY DR. JOHN WHYTE, THE CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER AT WEBMD.


Discussing SUDEP & Reducing Your Risk

Danny Did
FOUNDATION
Protecting Kids With Epilepsy

Dannydid.org

DISNEYLAND EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY PRESENTATION

EVENTS IN 2024

DERBY DAY FUNDRAISER

The Pony Inn in Chicago selected Danny Did as their charity partner for this annual fundraiser celebrating the fastest 2-minutes in sports

ANNUAL HUSTLE & HEART YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

15TH ANNUAL EVENING OF HEARTS & HUGS

Our Hearts & Hugs gala welcomed nearly 500 guests to Chicago's lakefront and set a fundraising record.

STAND UP FOR DANNY COMEDY NIGHT

100 guests enjoyed a night of laughter on Chicago’s Northside, raising more than $10,000 to provide direct resources to epilepsy families.

4TH ANNUAL PUSH UP CHALLENGE GOLF OUTING

Lead by Co-Captains Kevin Cohen and Nathan Wysocki, this sold out event raised $250,000 in Hawthorn Woods, IL .

EPILEPSY AWARENESS DAY IN DISNEYLAND

DDF enabled more than 30 families to enjoy the largest epilepsy event in the U.S.

TEAM DANNY DID IN 2024

DIANE GARVEY SWIM MARATHON: SHE HAS NOW COMPLETED 100 MILES TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT EPILEPSY AND SUDEP.

TEAM DANNY DID SHAPES ITS LARGEST TEAM EVER IN THE 2024 CHICAGO MARATHON

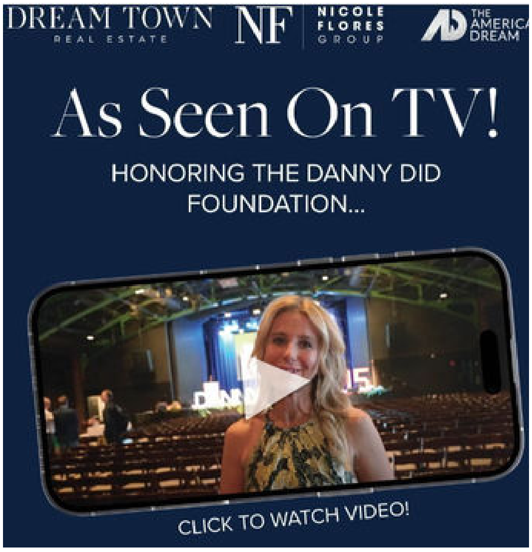
TEAM DANNY DID ALUM JOHN MCSHEA LAUNCHES BOOK TOUR AROUND LAKE MICHIGAN

FATHER-DAUGHTER DUO REP TEAM DANNY DID IN NATIONAL WHITEWATER CENTER HALF MARATHON IN NORTH CAROLINA

Danny Did®
FOUNDATION

MEDIA COVERAGE

American Dream TV and Nicole Flores Features Danny Did and our place in Chicago and the Epilepsy Community



WGN Spotlights Danny Did During Epilepsy Awareness Month

Fox 32 Chicago Covers the 4th Annual Push Up Challenge Golf Outing

OUR PEOPLE

Danny Did®
FOUNDATION

CO-FOUNDERS

Mike grew up in a family of 10 in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood. After graduating from Loyola Academy, he earned his college degree from Northwestern University. He has worked in law enforcement for more than 20 years. He and his family live on the northwest side of Chicago.

Mike Stanton,
Co-Founder

Mariann grew up near Chicago's south side in Oak Lawn, Illinois. Mariann attended Mother McCauley high school, where she was a star basketball player before going on to Loyola University as a four-year scholarship basketball player. She earned a degree in English from Loyola and then went on to earn a Master's degree in Education from DePaul University. Mariann is a high school teacher in Chicago.

Mariann Stanton,
Co-Founder

STAFF

Tom leads the communications and fundraising efforts for Danny Did, and works to expand their collaborations and impact in the larger epilepsy community. Tom holds a journalism degree from the University of Dayton, and a master's degree in Public Policy from DePaul University. More than anything, Tom gained happiness from the love his nephew Danny gave by way of lots of hugs. He is thankful to have the chance to keep Danny's spirit alive through service to Danny Did.

Tom Stanton
President

Mary has been a part of the DDF staff since 2010. However, her relationship with Danny's family began when her young sons, Brenden and Charlie, spent years playing sports with the Stanton children. Mary leads Danny Did's efforts with family support, event planning, and volunteer coordination. She earned her Bachelor's of Science at Northern Illinois University and her Master's in Human Resources at Loyola University in Chicago. Mary considers it an honor to serve at Danny Did, and the Stanton family is most grateful not only for her friendship, but also for the wonderful buddy that Charlie was to Danny.

Mary Duffy
Executive Director

As the Danny Did Programs Manager, Katie has the role to make a direct impact on families who reach out in need. Her career has included time as a paramedic, where she gained experience in treating those who had suffered a seizure. Prior to working at Danny Did, Katie was a long-time volunteer for the organization, and she serves on its Associate Board. As a former neighbor to the Stantons, she held a special friendship with Danny.

Katie Gaughan
Programs Manager

STAFF

Callie Sargis
Program Coordinator

Callie is a Chicago native who received her undergrad degree from the University of Colorado. After coming back to Chicago, Callie started volunteering with the Danny Did Foundation on our Hearts and Hugs Committee. Her involvement grew in 2023 when she took a position as Co-President of the Danny Did Foundation Associate Board. Her part-time role as Program Coordinator allows Callie to work with grantees, their families and caregivers to support the Danny Did mission.

Brenden is a long-time friend of the Danny Did Foundation. His desire to serve those facing epilepsy stems from his friendship with Danny during their childhood. His diverse talents and responsibilities support operations and programs and smooth the path for more epilepsy families to receive the support that they need.

Brenden Duffy
Executive Assistant

DANNY DID 2024 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

JULIE DIX

Julie is a media sales executive and her career path has featured sustained success at some Chicago's largest radio stations. She is currently an executive at Prime Time Media, where she utilizes her experience and relationships to connect the Danny Did Foundation with a variety of awareness platforms and opportunities. Julie is a graduate of Purdue University, and lives in Wilmette, IL with her husband and their children.

LYNN HANLEY

Lynn is an attorney specializing in commercial real estate development, land use and zoning. Lynn has also taught real estate and zoning classes at the University of Richmond Law School and the Loyola University of Chicago Law School. She holds a BA from Miami University, an MA from Xavier University and a JD from Loyola University of Chicago. She and her family live in Winnetka, IL.

TRACY JABLONSKI

When the eldest daughter of Tracy and Brian Jablonski was diagnosed with epilepsy and a brain tumor in 2015, they learned about the Danny Did Foundation. She has since become an advocate to spread awareness about epilepsy, SUDEP, and the technologies available. Tracy is a graduate of St. Francis University. She and her family live in LaGrange, IL.

DR. REBECCA GARCIA-SOSA

Dr. Garcia-Sosa is an Attending Physician in and the Epilepsy Center at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, and Assistant Professor of Pediatrics (Neurology), Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. She represents Danny Did for educational speaking engagements at with medical students, family events and medical conferences. She is a native of Puerto Rico.

JENNIFER STONER

Jen is a mother, a senior marketing professional, and the past Co-President of our Danny Did Foundation Associate Board. She uses her experiences as a person living with epilepsy to advocate for campaigns and policies that combat the stigma of seizures. A Massachusetts native, she now lives in Greater Chicago with her husband and children.

DOUG BRUNO - EMERITUS

Doug Bruno has more than 700 career victories as head coach of DePaul University's Women's basketball. In addition, as a coach for USA Basketball, he coached two different teams to Olympic Gold Medals. Doug was a founding board member for the Danny Did Foundation. He now serves as a member of our Emeritus Board. His family knows the challenges of epilepsy.

JOSH GABBY - TREASURER

Josh is a data analytics executive for JPMorgan Chase. His support for Danny Did includes strategy planning, marketing expertise and service as our DDF board treasurer. He holds an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

DIANE GARVEY-SECRETERY

Diane has hosted several fundraising events for Danny Did, with several featuring her role as a Zumba dance instructor. This year she completed a 26.2-mile swim-a-thon in her North Carolina community to benefit kids who face epilepsy.

JOHN WRENN

John owns and operates serveral Chicago area businesses, including Theater on the Lake, a premier dining and event space located on Chicago's lakefront in Lincoln Park. He is active in all forms of philanthropy and specializes in fundraising and development.

KARI HEIDEMAN

Kari is a family nurse practitioner who brings a valuable healthcare provider perspective to the Danny Did board. She has also served as Co-Chair of our annual Hearts & Hugs gala, and is a repeat member of Team Danny Did.

MIKE & MARIANN STANTON - CO-FOUNDERS

Mike and Mariann co-founded DDF after losing their son Danny in 2009. Their vision for keeping Danny's spirit alive in the world through the work of the foundation is a guiding light. They are both repeat members of Team Danny Did and do regular public speaking engagements on behalf of the foundation.

KATIE ONSAGER

Katie Prentiss Onsager is a Chicago-based documentary filmmaker and video journalist, specializing in producing and editing. As the Executive Producer of Small Forces, she led the production of more than 40 documentary shorts about grassroots activists and organizations across the country. Katie was a founding member of Danny Did's Associate Board, and served as the co-president from 2015-2021

CAROLINE MCATEER - VICE PRESIDENT

Caroline has worked at DePaul University for over 20 years and is currently a Director of Development in the Office of Advancement. Caroline was diagnosed with epilepsy when she was a teenager. Her personal experience has led to her desire to raise awareness of epilepsy. She holds a BA from the University of Dayton and an MS from DePaul University. She and her family live in Chicago.

JEANINE MCSHEA

Jeanine has spent 25 years in the real estate industry, both as a broker and an executive. With her daughter Erin McShea, she oversees The McShea Group at @properties. Jeanine is mother to two adult children with epilepsy, both who serve on the Danny Did Young Professionals board. She holds a bachelor's degree from Winona State University, and lives in Chicago with her family.

JENNIFER SIME

Jennifer is a mother, wife and registered nurse in Decorah, IA. She advocates in honor of her son Brendan, who died from SUDEP in 2017 at age 19. Among her many forms of advocacy, she has run multiple marathons as a member of Team Danny Did.

KURT FLORIAN-PRESIDENT

Kurt is a lawyer and a past executive director for the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago. He advocates in honor of his adult daughter, and the many families he has supported over the years. He and his wife Linda live in Wheaton, IL.

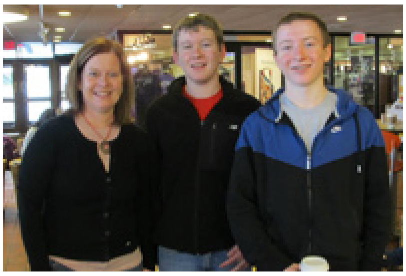
SCOT GILLESPIE

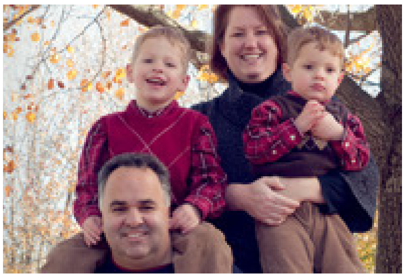
Scot is a GM at Covetrus. He holds an undergraduate degree from National Louis University, and an MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management. Scot and his wife live in Woodstock, Illinois.

JOHN DREIXLER

John is a Research Associate Professor at the University of Chicago utilizing his skills as a molecular neurobiologist. He has an adult daughter with epilepsy. She has been a fierce epilepsy warrior since the age of 14 months! John joins Danny Did in order to increase epilepsy and SUDEP awareness in Chicagoland and beyond. He has a BA from Augustana College, a MS from Illinois State University, and a PhD from the University of Illinois at Chicago. He and his wife Julie live in Chicago. The have an older daughter who works in education.

DANNY DID FAMILY AMBASSADORS


TOM AND MARY NUGENT
NORTHERN ILLINOIS


ALLISON AUSTIN
NORTHERN VIRGINIA

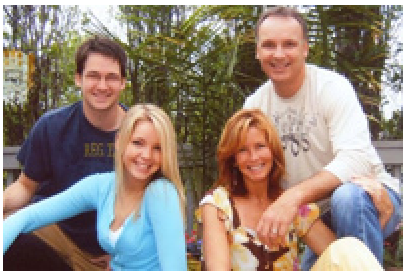

MISTY & STEPHEN PHILLIPS
NORTH CAROLINA


SHERRI & BRAD NEWMAN
WASHINGTON, D.C.


MAUREEN "MO" SLOTNICK
KANSAS

KALEENA FITZSIMMONS
CHINO, CALIFORNIA


SCOTT AND LANA FREY
INDIANA


KARI AND DENNIS KNAPP
TWIN CITIES, MINNESOTA


STEFANIE AND MARC MINGLE
SOUTH FLORIDA


CINDY MITCHELL & FAMILY
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DANNY DID FAMILY AMBASSADORS

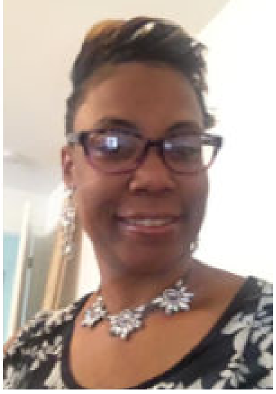
**ASHLEIGH HENRICHS:
KENOSHA, WI**

**SHERI SHAW:
WAUCONDA, ILLINOIS**

**PETTERSEN FAMILY
AMITYVILLE, NY**

**AMBER ABRAMS
GREATER PHILADELPHIA**

**SASHA PINA
LAS VEGAS, NEVADA**



**TANISHA GRAVES
VIRGINIA**

**VALCHAR FAMILY
THORNDALE, TEXAS**

**MOIRA “MO” SHARKEY:
MASSACHUSETTS**

We Can't Do It Without You!

SUPPORT DANNY DID

1. Make a Tax Deductible donation at Dannydid.org
2. Utilize your company match program after you donate.
3. Purchase DDF gear at Dannydid.org
4. Donate auction Items

ADVOCATE WITH DANNY DID

1. Volunteer at a DDF Event
2. Ask your doctor to talk about SUDEP prevention and research
3. Share the Seizure Safety quiz at your School
4. Lead a "fan raising" Social media Campaign

GET INVOLVED WITH DANNY DID EVENTS

1. Organize and Host your own Fundraising Event
2. Sponsor a Danny Did Event
3. Coordinate a Seizure Safety presentation at Your School
4. Join Team Danny Did

PARTNER WITH DANNY DID

1. Medical Professionals: Help Us Talk About SUDEP
2. Families: Assist Danny Did's Outreach to Doctors
3. Device Companies: Tell us about your technology

Find out more at Dannydid.org/get-involved

CONNECT WITH US:

DANNYDID.ORG

INFO@DANNYDID.ORG

MAILING ADDRESS: 3008 CENTRAL STREET, STE 203 EVANSTON, IL 60201

@Danny_Did_Foundaton_

@DannyDid

@DannyDidOrg

@the-Danny-Did-Foundation

PLEASE GO AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE.
DANNY DID.