



Press Release

Chicago Nonprofit Announces New Fund to Provide Seizure Detection Devices

\$50,000 Commitment from Past Board Member Dan Kotowski Will Launch the Fund, Support 100 Families

Chicago, IL – April 27, 2022 - The Danny Did Foundation is fortunate to launch The Kotowski Detection Device Fund (K-DDF). Established with a \$50,000 commitment by Danny Did emeritus board member Dan Kotowski and his wife Anne, the K-DDF initiative will boost long-term funding for Danny Did's signature program by providing 100 seizure-alerting devices for underserved children and families who cope with epilepsy.

Dan served as a leader on the Danny Did board of directors since its inception in 2010 until December of 2021. He is driven by his passion for Danny Did's mission to prevent deaths caused by seizures and by his personal journey with epilepsy, which involved the unconditional love and support of family, in particular his parents Jinx and Cas Kotowski. Dan will focus on recruiting donors to build the K-DDF and to bridge a critical financial access gap for those who face seizures.

Dan writes: "I am 55 years old, and have lived with epilepsy since I was 14. My family was always there for me. After much trial and error with medication and finally recognizing that I needed to live differently, the seizures have been under control. I am one of the fortunate ones. But like Danny's parents, no one ever told me that a seizure could end a life. Because of the Danny Did Foundation, families all over the world are now more aware of the risk of SUDEP. Danny Did has provided 2,500 families with these seizure detection devices. The Kotowski Detection Device Fund will build on their life-saving mission and ensure that 100 more families will benefit from this resource, while raising even more money (each device costs \$500) to protect people living with epilepsy. Let's give more kids and families the chance that Danny Stanton didn't have. Let's honor Danny, his memory, and his continued impact on our world."

About Danny Did: The Danny Did Foundation is an Evanston, IL-based nonprofit founded after the passing of 4-year-old Danny Stanton due to Sudden Unexpected Death in Epilepsy, or SUDEP. Epilepsy affects 3.4 million people in the United States and 65 million people worldwide. One in 26 Americans will develop epilepsy during their lifetime. The DDF takes its name from the last line of Danny Stanton's obituary, written by his dad: "*Please go and enjoy your life. Danny did.*" The Foundation has supported families spanning all 50 states and 14 countries. Learn more at dannydid.org.

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