



THOMAS HARTMAN FOUNDATION FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH, INC.

NEWSLETTER

*A Personal Message from Fr. Tom Hartman
John Danzi and Kathy Scarpinella*

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Dear Friends,

The Thomas Hartman Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Inc. is pleased to announce and share with you our funding strategies for the upcoming year. Our Fall Scientific Conference was held on October 10, 2008. The Scientific Advisory Grant Committee members in attendance were:

Dr. David Eidelberg - Executive Advisor, Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, Manhasset, New York

Dr. Michael Kaplitt - Weill Cornell Medical College, Dept. of Neurosurgery, New York, New York

Dr. Serge Przedborski - Columbia University Dept of Neurology Movement, New York, New York

Dr. Rajiv Ratan - The Burke Medical Research Institute, White Plains, New York

Dr. James Surmeier - Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Dept. of Physiology, Chicago, Illinois



*"With God, Prayer, good science
and money, the cure can be found"*

• Our Mission....

To raise the funds to find the cure for Parkinson's disease.

Your support **could** help make the following statement a reality

"We are pleased to announce we are no longer in business, THE CURE FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE HAS BEEN FOUND"

We will be employing the most innovative, alternative approach to scientific research funding. We will reach out to the experts who are passionate in finding the cure for Parkinson's disease in those areas of research which have been ignored and not covered by other foundations with the best chance for therapeutic options and potential cure. Our goal is to have the awarded grants develop further into larger grants that can compete successfully for federal funding to take science to the next level.

The Scientific Advisory Grant Committee and the Thomas Hartman Foundation have determined the following areas of research to be paramount to further the understanding of and scientific advancement in Parkinson's disease.

1. Dynamics of Mitochondrial Systems—Studies focusing on the movement of mitochondria (the neuron's power source) and its relevance to Parkinson's disease.
2. Axonal Degeneration and Regeneration—Studies focusing on repairing the function of axons (the neuron's power line) in Parkinson's disease.
3. Non-dopaminergic Systems—Studies focusing on cells linked to non-motor functioning in Parkinson's disease including sleep disturbances, depression, cognitive impairment, gait instability and freezing. The studies will determine what makes these neurons unique in terms of neuroprotective therapy.

In summary, we will target established investigators with proven track records of success in the research areas mentioned above. From the outset, the Scientific Advisory Grant Committee will guide the direction of each of the awarded proposals. The emphasis on the pre-application development of research goals and fostering of long-term collaborations is a distinctive feature of our grant selection process.

We want to take this opportunity to thank our old and new friends for their generous support in our quest to find the cure.

Your generosity will advance scientific pathways toward developing treatments, early detection, improved quality of life and the potential cure. Please help put an end to this debilitating disease.

Our warmest regards,

Fr. Tom Hartman, Spiritual Director John Danzi, Chairman Kathy Scarpinella, President

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT!!

