

About Our Organization:

The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois, Inc. was founded in 1972 by a group of caring individuals who wanted to help patients achieve the best possible quality of life, while living with and managing their MG. We are a volunteer-led organization with four major goals.

Our Goals

- Provide supportive, cost-effective programs for patients and families that improve quality of life
- Raise public awareness about MG and the challenges patients encounter each day
- Educate and inform medical professionals to eliminate drawn out diagnoses, misdiagnoses and encounters with doctors who are unfamiliar with MG
- Support research to find the cause and discover the cure for MG

Our Members Guide Us

When formulating and pursuing our goals, the MGF of Illinois talks to patients, family members, friends and healthcare professionals. We welcome input from everyone affected by MG. We appreciate the knowledge gained by listening to all who take the time to contact us.

Our Leadership:

Board of Trustees

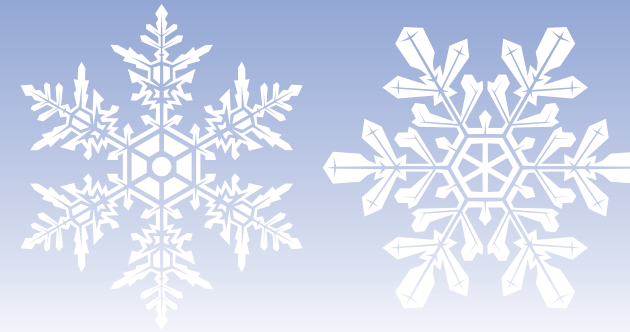
The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois, Inc. is led by a volunteer board of trustees, all of whom have direct experience with MG. The board meets regularly to direct the organization's strategy, programs, finances and goals. They are a dedicated and caring group, committed to serving the needs of MG patients.

Medical Advisory Board

The MGF of Illinois is fortunate to have an outstanding Medical Advisory Board, consisting of neurologists and other professionals specializing in different aspects of myasthenia gravis. MAB members provide expertise to the organization, volunteer their time by speaking at the educational meetings, and consult with other physicians not familiar with the disease. They are an invaluable asset to our organization.

Executive Director

The MGF of Illinois enlists a full time executive director to oversee its strategy, programs and finances. The executive director is a professional administrator with extensive experience in all aspects of nonprofit management.



The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois, Inc. is supported by:

- Membership dues
- Individual donations and Planned Gifts
- Bequests
- Corporate and Foundation contributions
- Community Health Charities – an employer-sponsored, matched giving program dedicated solely to health causes
- Volunteer assistance by patients, families and friends

Contributions are Tax Deductible

The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois, Inc. is a nonprofit organization under section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code. Books and records are audited annually in accordance with generally accepted accounting standards.

How Can You Help?

- Support us by becoming a member
- Donate additional funds to help support specific patient programs
- Attend support group meetings and support others affected by MG
- Educate others about MG
- Volunteer - there are many ways

Yearly Membership:

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| • \$20-\$49 | Annual member |
| • \$50-\$99 | Contributing member |
| • \$100-\$499 | Patron member |
| • \$500+ | Lifetime member |
| • \$1,000 + | Advocate |

You can become a member by sending a check to the organization or donating online. You can also pledge monthly or quarterly.

You are the Key

The MGF of Illinois' programs have the potential to reach thousands of patients and medical professionals. But we can only reach them with your support.

Evaluating our Progress

The Myasthenia Gravis Foundation of Illinois, Inc. is dedicated to providing meaningful local support to everyone affected by MG. Our programs are evaluated for effectiveness through communication with our members, board of trustees, Medical Advisory Board, and other nonprofit organizations. We track our activities and conduct systematic assessments of our programs.

We know myasthenia gravis is not stagnant; we can not afford to be either.

