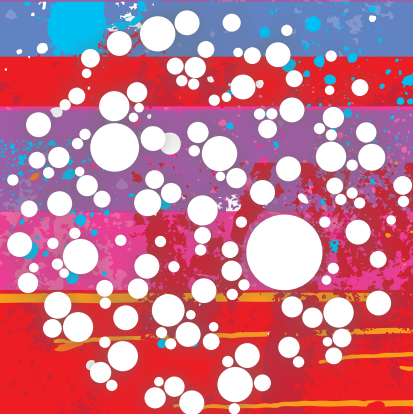


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THE RESEARCH



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) and all people living with Friedreich's ataxia (FA), thank you for your past contributions to the FARA Energy Ball. Because of your support, there have been great strides forward in the drug development pipeline for FA. As you know, the first treatment for FA was approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for people 16 years and older last year. The generosity of FARA Energy Ball donors played a major role in this achievement by helping to fund an FA natural history study, whose data supported this first approval.

Seeing firsthand the value of this clinical research, FARA has increased the number of clinical consortium sites from 15 to 33 sites throughout the world including locations in the United States, Canada, Europe, Brazil, India, New Zealand and Australia. We are excited about this global effort, research momentum, and the progress of the programs in the pipeline aimed at the underlying causes of FA. We remain committed to bringing additional therapies forward to slow, stop, reverse, and ultimately CURE FA.

One of FARA's key roles is to support the research that advances the entire field. On the following pages, we have outlined the types of research and the impact that is possible at different contribution levels. As you know, our FA patient community is very engaged in clinical research, enabling us to learn more about the condition and how best to approach treatments. As we continue to connect FA families to this important work, we respectfully request your support at a level comfortable to you.

FARA is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization (EIN 52-2122720), with a 4-Star rating from Charity Navigator since 2010. For more information on FARA and the Energy Ball, visit cureFA.org/energyball.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Farmer". The script is fluid and cursive.

Jennifer Farmer
Chief Executive Officer
FARA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Bartek". The script is fluid and cursive.

Ronald Bartek
President
FARA



USF Health

Ataxia Research Center

The USF Health Ataxia Research Center provides nation-leading clinical care and clinical research for patients with ataxia. The ataxias (which include Friedreich's ataxia (FA) and the Spinocerebellar ataxias) are a group of genetic diseases causing progressive loss of the coordination in the arms and legs, as well as deterioration in walking, speech and other critical functions, often along with other neurological and cardiac problems. Many of these diseases cause severe disability, and some are fatal.

The USF Health Ataxia Research Center is dedicated to finding effective treatments and cures for these debilitating diseases through its cutting edge clinical research programs, while also providing state-of-the-art clinical care by international authorities and researchers in the field. In addition to an intensive focus on translational and therapeutic research, the center also is developing more sensitive methods for diagnosis and a more comprehensive understanding of these diseases.

We are very proud of the relationship between FARA and the USF Health Ataxia Center in our relentless pursuit of effective treatment and cures for FA. Thank you for your support, together we are making a difference and providing hope for those afflicted with these disorders. With your help, we will find a cure.

Charles J. Lockwood, MD, MHCM
Executive Vice President, USF Health
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SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$50,000 BREAKTHROUGH SPONSOR

Supports an Investigator at the FA Research Lab Bench for a Year

Since FARA's founding, one of the key priorities has been to grow the research field with smart, passionate and innovative scientists. This past year, FARA funded 37 grants and 22 of these grants were new research projects. FARA grants include salary support for researchers such as lab technicians, graduate students, PhD candidates, and post-doctoral fellows for their time at the lab bench carrying out experiments to answer key questions about FA and approaches to treatment. This work leads to enhanced understanding and meaningful breakthroughs for FA.

This Level Includes:

- Priority seating for 10 guests at the Energy Ball (One reserved table)
- 10 guest invitations to the Patron Party
- Verbal and logo recognition as a Breakthrough Sponsor during the Energy Ball
- Logo displayed on mobile bidding screens during the Energy Ball Auction
- Logo on event website cureFA.org/energyball and the program booklet

(FMV: \$3,750)

\$25,000 CAPACITY BUILDER

Develops New Research Resources to Support Patient Care and Trial Recruitment

FARA has identified the need for tools and resources that support patient care and build research capacity. An example of one such project was an update of the Clinical Management Guidelines in FA. These guidelines include best practice clinical management of the disease and are assembled by experts in the field. This resource helps ensure people with FA get care based on current information about the condition. The FA Global Patient Registry is another resource benefiting both the patient and research communities. It is the primary tool used to notify people with FA about clinical trial opportunities - reducing the time to recruit patients for clinical trials.

This Level Includes:

- Priority seating for 10 guests at the Energy Ball (One reserved table)
- Eight guest invitations to the Patron Party
- Verbal and logo recognition as a Capacity Builder during the Energy Ball
- Logo on event website cureFA.org/energyball and the program booklet

(FMV: \$3,600)

\$15,000 TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR

Supports Biomarker Study Visits for 10 patients

FARA is funding several different types of biomarker studies which provide a window inside the activity of tissue and cells in FA. Biomarker studies include brain and spinal cord imaging, cardiac assessment, blood based biomarkers and wearable devices. These are innovative ways to measure changes in the disease with cutting edge technology. They not only provide insight into the disease process but may also allow for shorter clinical trial duration.

This Level Includes:

- Table for 10 guests at the Energy Ball (One reserved table)
- Four guest invitations to the Patron Party
- Logo recognition as a Technology Innovator during the Energy Ball
- Logo on event website cureFA.org/energyball and the program booklet
(FMV: \$3,300)

\$10,000 GROUNDBREAKER

Helps to launch a New Clinical Research Site

Over the past 15 years, your support has helped FARA establish clinical research sites across the US, Australia, Canada, and India. Because of the proven value and impact of natural history study data and our clinical research infrastructure, FARA has made the commitment to further grow this network of research sites. In 2023, FARA launched the Friedreich's Ataxia Global Clinical Consortium (FA GCC), which expanded the number of clinical research sites from the existing 15 to 33 sites across 18 countries. The structure will become a key resource in planning and implementing clinical trials across all programs, across the globe. Every data point and biological sample collected moves research forward.

This Level Includes:

- Table for 10 guests at the Energy Ball (One reserved table)
- Two guest invitations to the Patron Party
- Logo recognition as a Groundbreaker during the Energy Ball
- Logo on event website cureFA.org/energyball and the program booklet
(FMV: \$3,150)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$5,000 STUDY SUSTAINER

Supports the Cost of Annual Natural History Study Clinical Research Visits for 5 Patients

Due to the ongoing support from Energy Ball donors and participation from the patient community, FARA will be increasing its investment in the natural history study this year to gather an even more diverse set of data, foster collaboration across this global research network, and advance additional treatments. The FA GCC developed a global natural history study protocol called the UNIFAI study, which will collect natural history data and improve the panel of outcome measures that can be used in FA clinical trials. Participation in this study allow researchers to collect and share valuable data that accelerates the development of treatments for FA.

This Level Includes:

- Table for 10 guests at the Energy Ball (One reserved table)
- Name recognition as a Study Sustainer during the Energy Ball
- Name on event website cureFA.org/energyball and the program booklet

(FMV: \$3,000)

FA RESEARCH RECEPTION BRUNCH

OCTOBER 19

10am-12:30pm
USF Health, CAMLS
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