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**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER
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THE FARA ENERGY BALL

WE WOULD LOVE FOR YOU TO JOIN US AT THE FARA ENERGY BALL

*Benefiting the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance
and USF Health Ataxia Research Center*

Tampa Marriott Water Street
505 Water Street
Tampa, FL 33602

Emcee for the Evening:
Wendy Ryan, ABC Action News

Cocktail Attire
RSVP Required
Complimentary Valet Parking Available

Cocktail Reception* & Silent Auction
6:00pm

Seated Dinner & Live Auction
7:00pm

Live Entertainment by:
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**The Patron Party welcomes Groundbreaker
Sponsors and above at 5:00pm.*

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THE RESEARCH



Dear Friends,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to advancing research for Friedreich's ataxia through the FARA Energy Ball. Last year, generous Energy Ball supporters helped FARA fund 46 groundbreaking research grants across 13 countries and five continents. This global collaboration attracts diverse expertise and ideas, ensuring we fund impactful research that leads to breakthroughs in knowledge and accelerates our pursuit of treatments and, ultimately, a cure.

Your support has also expanded our research infrastructure. In the last two years, we have doubled the number of sites now part of the FA Global Clinical Consortium (FA GCC). Because FA is a global disease, we need FA research centers where there are individuals with FA. These more than 30 sites create opportunities for people to participate in clinical research, which leads to more robust data and faster progress in finding treatments that benefit the whole FA community.

One of FARA's key roles is to support the research that advances the entire field. The types of research and the impact that is possible is outlined in the sponsorship opportunities that follow. 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 2011. For more information on FARA and the Energy Ball, visit cureFA.org/energyball.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer Farmer".

Jennifer Farmer
Chief Executive Officer
FARA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald Bartek".

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
Dean, USF Health Morsani College of Medicine

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$75,000 PRESENTING SPONSOR

Can Help Sustain the FA Global Clinical Consortium (FA GCC)

FARA launched the Friedreich's Ataxia Global Clinical Consortium (FA GCC), in 2023, which expanded the number of clinical research sites from the existing 15 to 34 sites across 18 countries. The FA GCC is an international group of clinical research centers that work together to advance treatments and clinical care for individuals with Friedreich's ataxia. This structure will become the most valuable resource in planning and implementing clinical trials across all programs.

This Level Includes:

- Priority seating for 20 guests at the Energy Ball (two reserved tables)
- Fifteen guest invitations to the Patron Party
- Verbal and logo recognition as a Presenting Sponsor during the Energy Ball
- Logo displayed on mobile bidding screens during the Energy Ball Auction
- Premium logo placement on event website and the program booklet

(FMV: \$7,125)

\$50,000 BREAKTHROUGH SPONSOR

Can Help Support 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. FARA funded 14 new investigators in 2024. 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 ten guests at the Energy Ball (one reserved table)
- Ten 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 and the program booklet

(FMV: \$3,750)



\$25,000 CAPACITY BUILDER

Can Help Develop Resources That Expedite Research and Support Patient Care

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. FARA also provides funding for the creation, curation, and maintenance of the FA Cell Line Repository, which houses numerous characterized FA and control cell lines that are available to the research community. These resources save researchers on average seven months to one year.

This Level Includes:

- Priority seating for ten 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 and the program booklet

(FMV: \$3,600)

\$15,000 TECHNOLOGY INNOVATOR

Can Help Support 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 ten 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 and the program booklet

(FMV: \$3,300)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

\$10,000 GROUNDBREAKER SPONSOR

Can Help Support Natural History Study Visits for 10 Patients

Due to the ongoing support from Energy Ball donors and participation from the patient community, FARA is able to invest in groundbreaking natural history clinical research. The UNIFAI study collects natural history data and improves the panel of outcome measures that can be used in FA clinical trials. Participation in this study allow researchers to collect over 1,000 data points that help accelerate the development of treatments for FA. Funding from FARA helps offset the costs of travel and testing.

This Level Includes:

- Table for ten guests at the Energy Ball (one reserved table)
- Two guest invitations to the Patron Party
- Logo recognition as a Groundbreaker Sponsor during the Energy Ball
- Logo on event website and the program booklet

(FMV: \$3,150)

\$7,500 TABLE SPONSOR

- Table for ten guests at the Energy Ball (one reserved table)
- Name recognition on event website and the program booklet

(FMV: \$3,000)

FA RESEARCH RECEPTION BRUNCH

SEPT 27, 2025

10am-12:30pm

**USF Health Morsani College of Medicine
and Heart Institute (*Downtown*)**

560 Channelside Dr., Tampa, FL 33602

LEARN ABOUT YOUR IMPACT ON FA RESEARCH

To RSVP for the research reception brunch, visit: curefa.org/energyball





The FARA Energy Ball 2025 Sponsorship Commitment

- ☐ \$75,000 Presenting Sponsor
- ☐ \$50,000 Breakthrough Sponsor
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- ☐ \$15,000 Technology Innovator
- ☐ \$10,000 Groundbreaker Sponsor
- ☐ \$7,500 Table Sponsor

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**For questions about the event, please contact Ava Forney: (813) 600 8179;
ava.faraenergyball@curefa.org**

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THE FARA ENERGY BALL, 533 W Uwchlan Ave, Downingtown, PA 19335

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On behalf of the Friedreich's Ataxia Research Alliance and families affected by FA, thank you for your continued generous support of FA research. Together, we will slow, stop, reverse, and ultimately CURE FA!

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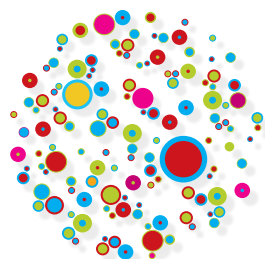
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(4 out of 4 stars)*



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