May 16th is World Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) Awareness Day. CDG CARE and APCDG join efforts to put together this year’s campaign.

11th April 2017 - Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) are a family of rare metabolic disorders. There are approximately 100 different forms and the great majority still do not have a CURE. Awareness is a very effective way to empower patients and families as well as to give visibility to these diseases, attracting the attention of pharma and biotech companies, physicians and researchers. Thus, awareness campaigns aim to stimulate research projects and ultimately to accelerate the development of new effective therapies for these life-threatening disorders. Indeed, Andrea Berarducci (CDG CARE President and Mother to a CDG Patients) believes that “Through the success of this year’s campaign, we will raise global awareness to the next level and bring renewed HOPE FOR CDG.”.

Aiming to reach these goals and to respond to the needs of the CDG Community, CDG CARE (learn more HERE) and The Portuguese Association for CDG (APCDG, learn more HERE) have partnered up for the 2017 World Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) Awareness Day campaign, which kicks off TODAY. Until the big day (May 16th) there are many ways you can join this campaign, support the CDG Community and raise awareness for these patients and families. “This year’s campaign counts with even more ways to get involved in raising CDG Awareness. We hope we can count on You to spread the word on CDG.” added Rita Francisco MSc (APCDG Volunteer, researcher, social community manager and community liason).

Ways to contribute to the World CDG Awareness Day campaign:

1. Follow us on Facebook (Go HERE)
2. Share and Like our posts
3. Hashtag like crazy – Official hashtags: #WorldCDGDay #CDGAwareness
4. Join our campaign “Put your Heart into raising CDG Awareness”. It is so SIMPLE! To join our smiles gallery go HERE
5. Plan an event to celebrate the World CDG Awareness Day and share it with us [HERE]. We will help you advertise it!

6. Participate in our Go Green! Think CDG campaign – Wear green, decorate your home with green ornaments, paint your town green. Know more [HERE]

7. Be a part of the HOPE FOR CDG Campaign. How? Visit [HERE]

8. Become a Volunteer [HERE]

9. There are many materials, like posters, banners, and email signatures FREELY available and prepared for you [HERE]! Raising awareness was never easier or more fun!

Let your voice be heard! The CDG Community needs you and thanks you for your support and efforts.

Both CDG CARE and APCDG are non-profit organizations which develop their projects on a volunteer basis, please consider donating to CDG CARE ([HERE]) and APCDG ([HERE]).

**About CDG CARE:** CDG CARE is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization founded by parents and volunteers seeking to exchange resources and increase education among a group of disorders, known as Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG). Established in 2014, CDG CARE’s mission is to promote greater awareness and understanding of CDG, provide information and support to families affected by CDG, and advocate for scientific research to advance the diagnosis and treatment of CDG. CDG CARE connects with and provides resources to newly diagnosed families, publishes and disseminates semi-annual newsletters and educational materials, facilitates national and global CDG awareness efforts, and develops programs to provide financial travel and medical equipment assistance support for families affected by CDG. For more information about the initiatives and programs offered by CDG CARE, visit our website at: www.cdgcare.com

**About the Portuguese CDG and Other Metabolic Rare Disorders Association (APCDG):**

Founded in 2010, APCDG is a patient led and centric non-profit association, whose particular goal is to stimulate new research lines that make a difference in the lives of patients and families. APCDG initiatives are developed both nationally and internationally. APCDG is committed to finding a cure for Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG) and related disorders, improving the treatment options and giving information and support to people with CDG, through research, education, awareness programs and advocacy. APCDG top priority is to give a complete and holistic perspective of the patient as a person. Go to our website: www.apcdg.com

**About CDG & Allies-PPAIN:** With the help of a broad network of scientists, physicians, families and patient advocacy groups, we have established a patient-led national and internationally unrivaled infrastructure for research, awareness and education for CDG. The research on Glycosylation disorders is primarily dedicated to Congenital Disorders of Glycosylation (CDG). The advances and innovations achieved for CDG through CDG & Allies - PPAIN will impact on a large number of patients, namely, all human diseases characterized by abnormal protein glycosylation such as cancer, inflammation, Alzheimer’s disease and diabetes.

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