



The Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation

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History of the SADS Foundation

“It is most devastating to lose a child and to even think of someone else having to live through this horrifies us. If we can save only one child and family from this, then we have succeeded..”

*Terri Dorendorf,
Billings, MT*

“At my lowest point, I heard about the SADS Foundation. The staff talked to me, and sent us an educational material. This contact helped me realize that I was not alone.” Said Karen Doust, mother of two, LQTS cardiac arrest survivor. “Because of the foundation I can close my eyes at night and know there will be many more ‘tomorrows’ for my family.”

*Karen Doust
Park City, UT*

“SADS gave me the information and encouragement I needed to spread the word about long QT syndrome after my 12 year old daughter died.”

*Alana Brookshire
Coffeyville, KS*

HISTORY

In 1991 a group of scientists headed by Drs. G. Michael Vincent and Mark Keating at the University of Utah discovered chromosomal location a genes causing long QT syndrome. *This was a landmark in the study of unexplained sudden death in the young.* With these important findings, it became apparent that LQTS was much more common than generally recognized and was very often misdiagnosed. It also became apparent that there was a real possibility to save lives of those with LQTS through public awareness and education. Thus the Sudden Arrhythmia Death Syndromes (SADS) Foundation, a non-profit 501 (c) (3) charitable organization, was established in 1992.

GOALS OF THE FOUNDATION

- Community Awareness
- Education
- Patient & Family Support
- Advocacy

WE HELP SAVE LIVES

As many as 4,000 children and young adults die each year (over 300 each month) in the United States due to LQTS. The SADS Foundation is helping to prevent these sudden unexpected deaths by increasing awareness about symptoms of LQTS, educating families and physicians about the diagnosis of LQTS and advocating for necessary community support.

SADS MISSION:

To save the lives of children and young adults who are genetically predisposed or otherwise susceptible to sudden death due to cardiac arrhythmias and to provide education and support to families and the medical community who are dealing with these disorder.