## SADS FOUNDATION

# ANNUAL REPORT

2005

Supporting families. Saving lives.

## From the Executive Director

Its time again to reflect on what we all accomplished in 2005. As you read the partial list of accomplishments below, you will notice one of the SADS Foundation's major strengths—volunteers. Grass routes distribution of materials, organization and execution of seminars, youth pro-



grams, fund-raisers, support groups and even monotonous stapling of packets—this is the life of a volunteer. We so appreciate your efforts in 2005!

Knowledge of SADS conditions has continued to grow and change. Many more physicians are aware of these conditions and some real inroads have been made in screening especially for athletes. The field of genetics is growing so rapidly! Issues like genetic discrimination are getting increasing attention and procedures such as genetic testing and autopsies that incorporate genetics are now becoming more widely a available. Knowing your family health history is more and more important for all of us as a tool to improve our health.

Some of SADS Accomplishments in 2005

#### **SADS** Awareness and Prevention Programs

- Special SADS Media Alert campaign in January; over 39 volunteers participated
- National SADS Awareness Month in September with 33 volunteers in 16 states
- More than 175 volunteers participated in awareness campaigns in 2005
- More than 4,500 SADS brochures, 930 posters, 3,000 LQTS brochures were distributed by volunteers

#### **SADS Family Support Programs**

- Held SADS Seminars in Long Island, New Orleans, Philadelphia & Dallas
- Held a two-day conference in Chicago that included a large group of SADS volunteers, 60 family members and 12 teens—who had a fantastic session this year (with their own t-shirts)
- Over 350 individuals were networking through the SADS Networking program in 2005
- Quarterly literature review of newly published research (for our

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Year Ended December 31, 2005

\$ 100,671.00
\$ 29,750.00
\$ 42,460.00
\$ 9,648.00
\$ 795.00
\$ 5,350.00
\$ 227.00
\$ 188,901.00
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EXPENSES	
Personnel	\$ 113,639.00
Postage	\$ 15,500.00
Printing	\$ 19,654.00
Travel	\$ 16,939.00
Occupancy	\$ 12,000.00
Meetings/Conferences	\$ 7,540.00
Telephone	\$ 6,349.00
Equipment & Maintenance	\$ 3,015.00
Office Supplies	\$ 1,957.00
Professional Fees	\$ 1,888.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 1,833.00
Insurance	\$ 1,413.00
Dues/Membership	\$ 952.00
Training	\$ 62.00
Total Expenses before depreciation	\$ 202,741.00
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Depreciation	\$ 483.00
Total Expenses	\$ 203,224.00
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Statement of Expenses by Program	
Awareness	\$ 60,967.00
Family Support	\$ 68,444.00
Medical Professional Education	\$ 10,162.00
Advocacy	\$ 10,161.00
Volunteer	\$ 10,161.00
Total Program Expenses	\$ 159,895.00
Management	\$ 12,713.00
Fund Raising	\$ 30,616.00
Total Expenses	\$ 203,224.00

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new member program) was initiated

- SADSConnect listserve for teens was implemented with Mom's recruited to help supervise
- 79 people contacted SADS in 2005 for information after a recent family death
- More than seven people contacted us each week for a new family packet

#### Medical Education Program

- SADS held Seminars in Dallas and Chicago for local medical professionals
- Over 136 school nurses responded to our campaign with. 809 packets mailed to 34 states and Canada; There was also a special campaign in Oregon
- Participated in a Sudden Cardiac Death in the Young conference in Michigan
- More than 1,650 school nurse packets were distributed in 2005

#### Advocacy & Research Programs

 Promoted the Genetic Nondiscrimination Act, Teague Ryan Act, Rural AED Act, ADAM's Act (national clearinghouse), NIH research funding and the Research Availability Rules—over 350 people responded & took action at some time during the year

- Attended the NIH training for advocates in January
- Participated as an agency in advocacy campaigns with Genetic Alliance, NORD, Sudden Cardiac Arrest Alliance, Coalition for Genetic Fairness, Alliance for Taxpayer Access and others
- Helped make new research results available through the Quarterly Literature Review and articles in SADS newsletters & e.newsletters
- Attended the American Association of Human Genetics conference

#### www.sads.org

• People from an average of 74 countries visited our website each month.

• More than 107,575 people visited our website last year and accessed over 209,000 pages of information. This represents almost 9,000 visits each month.

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## Warning signs for every parent

#### Your child should be seen by a doctor if she/he has:

- Family history of unexpected, unexplained sudden death in a young person
- Fainting (syncope) or seizure during exercise, excitement or startle
- Consistent or unusual chest pain and/or shortness of breath during exercise

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