



## Funding Makes an Impact

Encephalitis results in substantial morbidity and mortality worldwide. Specific causes are identified in less than 50% of cases, in part due to lack of consensus on case definitions, and the lack of standardized diagnostic approaches. Other complicating factors are that often there are no predicting factors, imaging technology is inconclusive and patients may present very different symptoms at the onset.

This underscores the key issues regarding diagnosing and treating encephalitis\*:

- More than 50% of cases have an unidentified cause which impedes understanding of prevention or the proper treatment
- Approx. 25% are misdiagnosed, which hampers early treatment and contributes to more pronounced impact
- Approx. 50% do not receive treatments or therapies beyond medications, preventing more optimal recovery



\*Burden of encephalitis-associated hospitalizations in the United States, 1998-2010; Neil M. Vora, Robert C. Holman, Jason M. Mehal, et al., Jan 2014

## Where the Money Goes

One of our goals is to address the widespread and unmet needs in the U.S. due to a decentralized health system, HIPAA and unsettled insurance coverage issues. Resources for research are scarce and urgently needed. Your donation, large or small, can make a difference, save a life or even help find a cure. These are opportunities to advance the encephalitis agenda.



You and your network can make a big difference, and can impact lives!

- \$250 - host a local survivor/caregiver meeting
- \$500 - provide an educational website for those impacted by encephalitis
- \$750 - print and distribute educational materials to hospitals and physicians
- \$1,000 - host secure webcasts
- \$1,200 - connect patients and caregivers with support communities
- \$1,500 - create a database of qualified providers
- \$2,500 - develop outreach materials
- \$4,000 - build a secure portal for physicians to collaborate on complex cases
- \$15,000 - access writing talent to apply for grants
- \$20,000 - support a research study on advancing knowledge of encephalitis from chicken pox
- \$50,000 - expand insurance coverage for those impacted
- \$75,000 - part-time staff to create awareness
- \$150,000 - improve medical provider education
- \$1.2M - underwrite a prospective long-term scientific study to shed new light on the syndrome