

The day we were told our daughter, Tess, had hydrocephalus she was barely 24 hours old. We looked at each other and went “hydro what”? Little did we know then we would discover the Hydrocephalus Association and all grow up and thrive together.

Tess is now a sophomore at the University of Oregon and HA has successfully relocated from San Francisco to Bethesda. HA has meant so much to our family over the past 20 years--we definitely credit the organization with being a vital source of support on our journey.

We joined The Fudge Solomon Legacy Society to ensure HA remains a viable organization for years to come, continuing to: (1) support families with members who have hydrocephalus with guidance and knowledge and (2) support research into ways to prevent, manage and live with hydrocephalus.

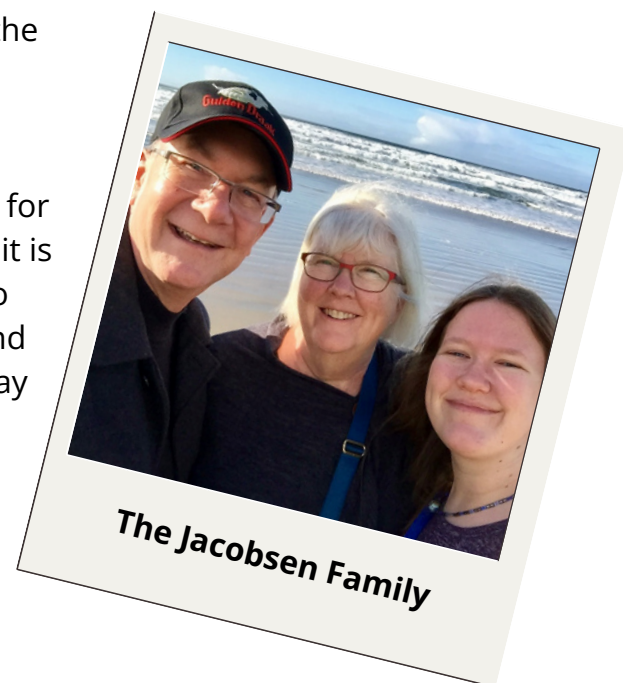
Key on our path has been the support we've received from HA affecting our daily lives. We walked in WALKS and attended conferences, along the way meeting families just like ours and making new friends who would become an invaluable network of support. We found the HA support materials for teachers to be invaluable. We shared a copy every year with Tess's teachers and support staff.

With the inevitable hospital visits and the ever-growing list of side effects from hydrocephalus, we quickly learned HA was there to help. We weren't alone nor the first family to experience seizures, unexplained violent headaches, or a myriad of other issues.

Over the years, each of us has also given back to HA. Bob joined the Board of Directors, at one time serving as President, and is currently a member of both the Support & Education and Scholarship Committees. Tess is a member of the Teens Take Charge Advisory Council and chose to partner with HA on her Girl Scout Gold Award Project, developing materials for teens to develop their personal self-advocating skills. Sandi has been the glue keeping it all together and she became a Boozle Bear-making expert, producing dozens of bears over the years.

The Hydrocephalus Association has been there for our family for nearly 20 years. Through The Fudge Solomon Legacy Society, it is our hope the Hydrocephalus Association will remain the go-to association offering compassionate support for individuals and families affected by hydrocephalus. We look forward to the day when a cure is found.

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