

# HOW DOES YOUR SUPPORT MAKE A DIFFERENCE TO THE EHLERS-DANLOS SYNDROMES (EDS) & HYPERMOBILITY SPECTRUM DISORDERS (HSD) COMMUNITY?

Thank you for your generous support towards The Ehlers-Danlos Society's global mission. With your help, 2021 has been our most dazzling year to date!

Early diagnosis, treatment, and effective multidisciplinary care is desperately needed worldwide for those living with EDS and HSD. To that end, your contributions have funded world-class educational programs, pioneering research, and life-changing support.

Here's how your donations are making a difference.



## 745 HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS & 235 COMMUNITY ADVOCATES HAVE TRAINED WITH EDS ECHO

EDS ECHO is our free, virtual program, helping healthcare professionals worldwide to improve their knowledge of EDS and HSD, and better care for individuals living with these complex conditions. Continuing education credits are available to attendees at no cost to them. EDS ECHO Advocacy educates advocates on how to champion the global community and advance awareness and support at a local level.



## \$1,265,000 AWARDED IN GLOBAL RESEARCH GRANTS

Our goal is to ensure consistent and ground-breaking research into the complexities of EDS and HSD, supporting the development of effective therapies to improve quality of life.

One thousand individuals enrolled in the Hypermobile Genetic Evaluation (HEDGE) study. Sequencing has begun at The Broad Institute at MIT and Harvard as we continue on our discovery for the genetic markers behind hypermobile EDS (hEDS).



## 700 HELPLINE CALLS & 3,500 HELPLINE EMAILS ANSWERED

"My son was having a terrible experience at school. The Ehlers-Danlos Society helpline was an amazing support and has helped our family so much."

- Benita



KATYA

"I was in absolute agony and I couldn't really walk anymore from hip pain and sciatica. I didn't know what a subluxation was. I found on The Ehlers-Danlos Society website an article explaining subluxations and dislocations. The symptoms all just resonated with me. It was a light-bulb moment. This is what it sounds like. This sounds like me."

## TOGETHER WE DAZZLE

### IN 2022, THE EHLERS-DANLOS SOCIETY IS COMMITTED TO INCREASING THE AVAILABILITY OF CLINICAL SERVICES FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH EDS & HSD.

Toward that end, our aim is to develop a network of Centers of Excellence for EDS and HSD around the globe.

The Center of Excellence (COE) program will be a first step toward the goal of developing a network of Centers that will assist thousands of people worldwide, reduce wait times, alleviate their pain and symptoms, and educate not only other physicians but those impacted by the conditions and their relatives, through both in-person and virtual collaborations. Officially launching August 2022.

**Every gift counts. Together, we can advance education, research, and care for people and families living with EDS and HSD, worldwide.**

# \$20

Funds 30 minutes of potentially life-changing advice from our helpline

Scan to donate:



# \$30

Funds a specialist training session with EDS ECHO for a healthcare provider to increase awareness and better treatment for patients

Scan to donate:



# \$50

Funds pioneering research into genetics, therapies, and pathways to improve quality of life

Scan to donate:



# \$100

Funds the Center of Excellence program dedicated to increasing the availability of clinical services for people living with EDS and HSD

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## WATCH THE 2021 VIDEO!

Learn more about how your support is making a difference for people living with EDS and HSD, and to the healthcare providers caring for them.



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