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2025 ANNUAL REPORT

Advocacy,
Awareness,
& Advancing
Science for
LGMD2I/R9

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Celebrating 15 years of CureLGMD2i

15 years of driving research, raising awareness, and standing with families affected by LGMD2I/R9.

Mission of CureLGMD2i

Providing Advocacy, Spreading Awareness, Supporting Scientific Research and Drug Development with the Goal of Finding a Cure for Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 2I/R9.



Vision of CureLGMD2i

Our vision is to pioneer a future where every individual affected by Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy Type 2I/R9 can be treated early and live a life unencumbered by its challenges. By relentlessly pursuing innovative research, collaborative partnerships, and drug development, we envision accessible and effective treatments that slow or prevent the progression of the disease.



Kelly Brazzo,
President/CEO
CureLGMD2i

2025 was a year of momentum, collaboration, and new breakthroughs. Our community's strength continues to drive progress toward treatments and a future free from the limitations of LGMD2I/R9. We expanded advocacy efforts, strengthened research partnerships, and elevated awareness across scientific and patient communities. Thank you for being part of this journey and inspiring the path toward approved therapies for all of our patients impacted by LGMD2I/R9. Join us as we continue to celebrate 15 years of CureLGMD2i!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Brazzo".

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CureLGMD2i is Growing!



Shown Left to Right:

Kristen Olsen – Secretary/Treasurer
Dan Pope – Vice President/Advocacy Director
Kelly Brazzo – President/CEO/Executive Director
John Spencer – Officer/Creative Director
Kaitlyn Neroladakis – Officer/Communications Director



**CureLGMD2i is expanding into
Canada, thanks to the
leadership of Jen Zuchetto,
mom of Jaxson & Chloe, living
with LGMD2i/R9!**

Visit: curelgmd2icanada.org



**We are excited to share that Lacey Woods has joined us as our
Community Engagement Coordinator!**

"I'm thrilled for the opportunity to work
with CureLGMD2i, an organization I deeply
believe in, and to be actively involved in
the journey toward a cure."

Lacey Woods

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Advocacy Efforts



- Obtained our ICD-10 Code for LGMD2I/R9 (G71.036)
- Rare Disease Day on the Hill
- MDA Neuromuscular Advocacy Collaborative
- Rare Across America
- LGMD Day on the Hill
- Hosted an Advocacy Power Hour Webinar
- Presented to FDA CBER on facilitating the Development and Review of Cell and Gene Therapies
- Presented at ASGCT Empowering Patients 2025: A Cell and Gene Therapies Summit
- Led patient focus groups for our industry partners
- Presented at the Rare Disease Congressional Caucus Briefing
- Member of the following advocacy coalitions:
 - Save Rare Treatments Task Force
 - Genomic Answers for Children's Health Alliance
 - Pediatric Inclusion Alliance
 - EveryLife Foundation Community Congress
 - Critical Path Institute LGMD Task Force



CureLGMD2i Foundation is proud to announce the official recognition of our LGMD subtype with a unique ICD-10-CM diagnosis code, effective October 1, 2025:

G71.036 Limb-girdle muscular dystrophy due to fukutin related protein dysfunction (LGMD2I/R9)

This milestone marks a major step forward for patients, families, clinicians, and researchers. The new ICD-10 code will enable improved diagnosis, medical documentation, insurance coverage, and research tracking for LGMD2I/R9.

Together, we are raising awareness, advancing care, and accelerating progress toward treatments and a cure.



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Awareness Programs



- Launched the Rare Disease Day Ambassador Campaign
- Served on LGMD Awareness Day Planning Committee
- Participated and hosted awareness tables at MDA, Iowa Wellstone and International LGMD Conferences
- Rare Disease Day Documentary, "Growing up with LGMD"
- Sponsored the podcast, "Unbalanced" featuring Cerys Davage, living with LGMD2I/R9
- Produced the Connecting for a Cure Documentary for the 15th Anniversary of CureLGMD2i
- Served on the Global FKRP Registry Steering Committee
- Contributed to the LGMD News Magazine
- Committed to hosting the 2nd European LGMD2I/R9 Conference



**2026 European
LGMD 2I/R9 Conference**

Friday-Saturday, May 22-23, 2026 | Korsør, Denmark

Activities, Workshops,
& Research Guest Speakers &
Networking Opportunities



   

  



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Advancing Science



Conference Sponsorships

- International LGMD Conference
- Iowa Wellstone Dystroglycanopathy Conference
- European LGMD2I/R9 Conference



Research Grants

- Dr. Emma Rybalka, Victoria University – Preclinical screening of adenylosuccinic acid (ASA-001) in a mouse model of LGMDR9
- MDA – Developing a Core Muscular Dystrophy Clinical Trial Research Network
- Dr. Peter Currie, Monash University – Examining the clinical significance of FKRP's regulation of Fibronectin Sialylation
- Drs. Emerson & Wolf, UMass – FKRP gene correction via prime editing (CRISPR)

Industry Investments

- Invested in Cure Rare Disease for the development of Myo-AAV for LGMD2I/R9, which is headed toward a clinical trial!



Patient Registry

- Newcastle University – Ongoing Global FKRP Registry



*Many of these programs co-funded with our partners:



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2025 was our most successful year to date!. Through donations, grants and sponsorships, we raised a total of **\$543,356.45!**

We provided **\$133,914** in scientific program grants, **\$9,545.22** in conference expenses, and **\$32,479.07** in awareness projects for LGMD2I/R9.



Your Support is Making an Impact!

To make a tax deductible donation, visit: curelgmd2i.org

\$500

Covers one
Travel Stipend
for LGMD2i
Conference

\$1,000

Office and
overhead
expenses for
one month

\$5,000

Creation of an
LGMD2I/R9
Awareness
Campaign

\$10,000

One year
International
FKRP Registry
Grant

\$25,000

Provides a new
LGMD2I/R9
Scientific
Research Grant

\$100,000

Investment in
a new biotech
startup

\$200,000

Covers the cost of
dosing one patient
with gene therapy +
5 year follow up

Programs Funded by CureLGMD2i

To date, CureLGMD2i
has provided over
\$1.5 million in funding
programs for
LGMD2I/R9

