



"I was never afraid", says 56 year old Vincent. "I lived my life unafraid. I worked a full time job, kept up with my wife, my kids and my grandkids until one day, I could not keep up and went to the doctor. After receiving the diagnosis of Parkinson's disease... I am always afraid."

Vincent is not alone.

He is one of the estimated 35,000 Michigan residents currently living with Parkinson's disease.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic degenerative neurological disorder which gradually robs people of their independence. Treatment is complicated and requires a delicate balancing of medication and other therapies. Progression of the disease is slow and takes its toll on the patient and the entire family.

Since 1983, the Michigan Parkinson Foundation (MPF) has been the leading and most respected source of comfort, support, education and information to persons throughout Michigan who are touched by this disease. MPF offers a variety of programs and services which serve the Parkinson's patient, family and health care providers.



OUR PROGRAMS AND SERVICES INCLUDE:

• EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

For people with Parkinson's and their care partners

-- Orientation to Parkinson's Disease

An overview session for people who are newly diagnosed with PD and their family members is presented regularly.

-- Living With Parkinson's Disease

This comprehensive educational series for people living with Parkinson's and their family members offers in depth discussion to a small audience. Series are scheduled in various parts of the state.

• MORE THAN 50 SUPPORT GROUPS STATEWIDE

Support groups meet monthly to provide people with Parkinson's and their care partners an opportunity to learn from health professionals and each other how to manage PD. MPF offers training to 100+ facilitators.

• INFORMATION AND REFERRAL

Over 1,000 information calls are received annually, resulting in referrals to neurologists and other community resources, and mailing of an information packet and other educational PD materials. MPF hosts a Neurology Network of neurologists and health professionals in Michigan.

• THE MESSENGER AND WEBSITE

Both the MPF newsletter and website at www.parkinsonsmi.org reach people all over the world with updates on managing PD and information about MPF programs and services. Members of MPF's Professional Advisory Board, leaders in their fields, contribute articles.

• ADULT DAY CARE AND MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

Financial aid is available to assist families in obtaining adult day care services for their loved one with Parkinson's. Financial aid may assist with the payment of Parkinson's medications.

• EDUCATION FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS CARING FOR PEOPLE WITH PARKINSON'S

Programs and materials are available to help improve the quality of health care for people with Parkinson's. Periodic educational symposia focus on improving PD management skills.



The Michigan Parkinson Foundation is pleased to present **Club 500**. A donation of \$500 will secure your place within this exclusive club of caring and committed community members. Your generous contribution will be permanently recognized on the Club 500 Web Wall located at www.parkinsonsmi.org.

As a special thank you for donating at this level, you will receive a commemorative lapel pin to proudly show your membership. You will also experience the satisfaction that your contribution supports the programs and services upon which Michigan residents touched by Parkinson's disease have come to rely.

MEMBERSHIP IN CLUB 500 WILL DIRECTLY IMPACT THE LIVES OF FAMILIES TOUCHED BY PARKINSON'S DISEASE

\$500 pays for 136 information packets to be mailed.

\$500 pays for 2 sessions of *Orientation to Parkinson's*.

\$500 pays for orienting 5 support group facilitators.

\$500 pays for one person with Parkinson's disease to receive medication assistance.

\$500 pays for 10 Parkinson's patients to attend the "Living with Parkinson's" series.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER

A donation of \$500 will solidify your membership in **Club 500**. Attached is your Membership Application; simply complete it and remit along with your payment to:

Michigan Parkinson Foundation
Club 500
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150
Bingham Farms, Michigan 48025

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Yes, I want to become a member of Michigan Parkinson Foundation's **Club 500**

I want to give the gift of membership to: _____ for the Michigan Parkinson Foundation's **Club 500**

I am not ready to become a member of **Club 500**; however, please accept my donation.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____

Your generosity will be acknowledged on the **Club 500** Web Wall (located at www.parkinsonsmi.org).

How would you like the member's name listed on the Web Wall?

Payment Options

I wish to be invoiced quarterly \$125

I wish to pay my membership in full today - \$500

Other: _____

Membership Renewal

I wish to automatically renew my membership on this date next year with my credit card. (Member will be notified prior to renewal date.)

I wish to receive an invoice to renew my membership on this date next year.

Amount enclosed/to be charged for Club 500: \$ _____

Check Visa MasterCard Am. Express Discover

Card # _____ Exp. _____

CCS: _____ Last 3 digits on back of card (4-digits on front of AMEX)

Keep this Card # on file for automatic payments

Return this application with your payment to:
Michigan Parkinson Foundation, Club 500
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025

The Michigan Parkinson Foundation staff is pleased to answer any of your questions regarding our programs, services and your Membership in Club 500. Please contact us at (248) 433-1011 or by email to director@parkinsonsmi.org.