

Michigan Parkinson Foundation

# Hope in Every Step

## Symposium | Event Report

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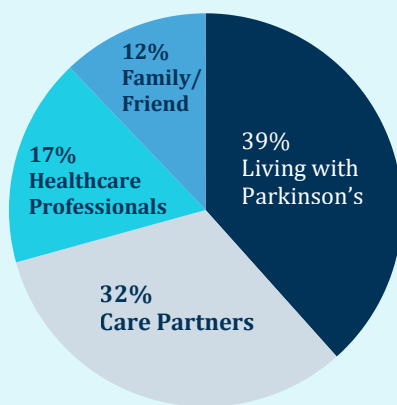
The 2026 *Hope in Every Step* Symposium in Livonia, MI, brought together individuals for a powerful day of learning, connection, and movement, grounded in the needs of the Parkinson's community and supported by community and healthcare partners.

### Audience Snapshot:

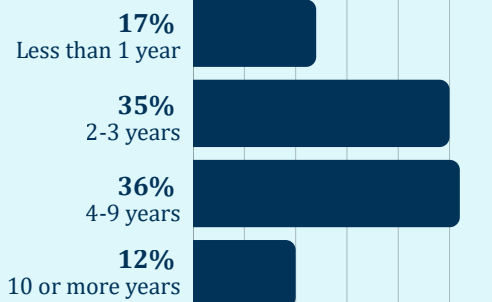


# 620

Attendees came together for a day of education, connection, and action.



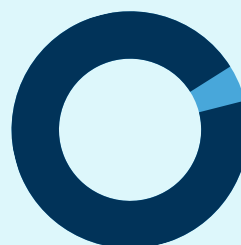
### Time since Parkinson's diagnosis:



### Testimonials:

*"I felt that this program was very well executed, especially considering how many people were in attendance. Total win, thank you MPF Team!!"*

*"Great day! I feel really supported as a caregiver."*



# 95%

of attendees reported feeling more informed, connected, or empowered after the event.



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## Key Topics Included:

- *The Parkinson's Plan* - Environmental factors, Dr. Ray Dorsey
- Advanced treatment options, Dr. Danika Paulo
- Cognitive changes and dementia, Dr. Vikas Kotagal
- Exercise and speech demonstrations
- Live expert Q&A



## During the Event:



# 348

Attendees took action by signing a petition to the EPA urging a ban on paraquat, a harmful pesticide linked to Parkinson's disease.



# 12,400

Sit-to-stands completed by our attendees in honor of Parkinson's Awareness Month!

## Our Post-Event Survey Revealed:

# 98%

reported a better understanding of environmental factors that may contribute to Parkinson's.

# 94%

reported a better understanding of treatment options available for people living with Parkinson's.

# 97%

of healthcare professionals reported the information will enhance their professional expertise.

### Participants reported feeling more:

- ✓ Motivated to take action/advocate
- ✓ Aware of resources and support
- ✓ Engaged in their health and care journey

### And now plan to:

- ✓ Share what they learned with others
- ✓ Begin or increase Parkinson's exercise
- ✓ Advocate for Parkinson's policy change

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*"The panel of experts who were patient and supportive were impressive. Their credentials and knowledge were outstanding."*

*"We all need support... getting together is medicine in itself."*

*"My husband felt like he wasn't alone on this journey. Great information and resources."*

*"Knowledge is power."*

Thank you to all who attended, presented, and volunteered to make this event a success! A special thank you to our generous sponsors who made this event possible. We hope to see you next year!

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