

# Huntington's Disease Society of America - Indiana

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**Founded:** 1973



*Benedict*



*Paris*



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**Paid employees:** none  
**Highest-paid staff member:** not applicable  
**Top volunteers:** Laura Ciriello-Benedict, fund-raising committee co-chairwoman, volunteer for five years; Kara Paris, fund-raising committee co-chairwoman, volunteer for five years; Elizabeth Bechdol, vice president, volunteer for five years

## MISSION

HDSA believes in a future free from Huntington's Disease and is committed to building a community of compassion that enriches the lives of families affected by HD through education, research and care. HD is a heredity-based, fatal, neurological disorder.

## MANAGEMENT

**Kathy Karazsia**, education committee co-chairwoman  
**Kehla West**, education committee co-chairwoman  
**Laura Ciriello-Benedict**, fund-raising committee co-chairwoman

**Kara Paris**, fund-raising committee co-chairwoman  
**Richard Shaffer**, advocacy chairman  
**Maria O'Connor**, public and media relations chairwoman  
**Leo Rafail**, patient and family services chairman

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Patricia Day, president  
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 Kathy Karazsia  
 Laura Ciriello-Benedict

Maria O'Connor  
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## PROGRAMS

**Care:** HDSA provides financial support to the Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence at Indiana University, a clinic that serves more than 250 families per year. The center employs a full-time social worker, hosts an annual education conference, and trains nursing homes in the care of HD patients.

**Annual conference:** Held in the fall of each year. A one-day event specifically for families, care givers and medical personnel involved in the care and treatment of persons with Huntington's Disease. The conference features an HD researcher as keynote speaker, resource center for medical vendors, breakout seminars, and questions and answers with local care providers.

## FUND-RAISER

The Nancy Irwin Memorial Walk is held at Southeastway Park in Indianapolis on the last Saturday in September from 9 a.m. to noon. The Sept. 26 walk was attended by 250 people and netted \$22,000. More information is at [www.stophd.org](http://www.stophd.org)

## FINANCIAL PROFILE

**2008-2009 income:** \$113,607  
**2008-2009 expenses:** \$51,729  
**2008-2009 assets:** \$61,877

**2009-2010 income:** \$101,800  
**2009-2010 expenses:** \$51,715  
**Fiscal year begins:** Oct. 1

