## You can make a difference!



The Sunflower Rev It Up for Parkinson's supports the research and educational efforts of the University of Cincinnati Gardner Family Center for Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders at the UC Gardner Neuroscience Institute. The proceeds support Parkinson's and movement disorders research efforts at UC, provide a free symposium for patients and caregivers impacted by Parkinson's disease, and support our faculty fellowship training program.



Alberto J. Espay, MD, MSc

The funds have been used to supplement the work of our entire research operation, permitting much of the unfunded work to be completed, **leading to a research publication record of over 50 peer-reviewed articles in the neurological literature in just one year.** These research efforts have laid the foundations for bigger efforts, which are materializing into **larger grants, more studies, and more opportunities** of involving patients into mechanisms to improve life.

As a result we are attracting talent to our region and are training 4 neurologists to become Parkinson's and movement disorders experts. These physicians truly enhance the quality of care and also help advance our research and educational objectives.

The Sunflower funds have been instrumental in achieving this collective success.



Andrew Duker, MD

The Sunflower funds have been used to support unfunded and pilot research that would otherwise have never been completed. Specific research projects have included treating orthostatic hypotension in Parkinson's disease, understanding the genetics of Parkinson's disease and other movement disorders, understanding and treating depression and apathy in Parkinson's, particularly after DBS, and others. The funds have been used to both directly fund the research and to support the salaries of research fellows to do the research, which serves to increase the number of people working on developing new treatments for this disease. Funds from last year's event are earmarked to support, among other projects, a way to better understand and harness the power of placebo for the treatment of PD.

## SUNFLOWER FUNDS BENEFIT...

## RESEARCH



50 peer-reviewed articles in the neurological literature in just one year



4 neurologists in training to become Parkinson's movement disorder experts



Larger grants allowing for more studies and patient involvement



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## **SUPPORT**



Funds the annual Sunflower Symposium and Expo which provides invaluable information and support to over 700 Parkinson's families each year



For the past 15 years, this event has provided an opportunity for Parkinson's patients and caregivers to connect and support each other in a fun, uplifting atmosphere



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