



American Liver Foundation Great Lakes Division

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In Review: Academic Debates



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Academic Debates on March 3rd! The topics of NAFLD/ NASH, HCC/ Transplantation, and Hepatitis C were debated by Northwestern University, University of Illinois, Loyola University, Indiana University, Rush University, and Stroger Hospital. We were able to raise over \$6,000 while hearing from some of the top medical experts on liver disease related topics!

Jackie awards the Liver Cup to Rush University for raising the most money during the event!

ALF Great Lakes Division receives grant to test 10,000 people for HCV

We are proud to announce that we are the recipients of a grant that will be instrumental in identifying people affected by Hepatitis C in the Chicagoland area. We are partnering with Brothers Health Collective (BHC) and Making A Daily Effort (MADE) to establish a testing program that can be duplicated across the country. BHC and MADE are experienced testing organizations and together we are confident that we can educate Chicagoans about the HCV risk factors, screen those who are at risk and connect them to a qualified healthcare provider. We are honored to fulfill our mission through this partnership. Updates will be provided throughout the year long process.



March/April 2016 Newsletter

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Upcoming Programs & Events

Liver Life Walk Arlington Heights	May 14
Liver Symposium Chicago	May 26
Liver Life Walk Chicago	June 4
Liver Life Walk Ann Arbor	August 27
Flavors of Chicago Gala	Sept. 12
Liver Life Walk Holland	Sept. 24
Bank of America Chicago Marathon	Oct. 9

Welcome New Staff!

Brandon Combs, Assistant Executive Director

Some of you may recall that he was an exceptional member of the ALF GLD from 2004-2007. During that time he introduced innovative programming and development tactics that significantly contributed to our growth. In 2009 Brandon received his Master's in Non-Profit Administration from North Park University and his most recent position was Executive Director of a local not-for-profit which provides education and training for families to create a healthier family environment.



We are confident that Brandon will enhance our current efforts and help us attain goals beyond our expectations. Brandon can be reached by phone at 312-377-9030 or email at bcombs@liverfoundation.org.

Tatiana Hayes, Administrative Assistant

Some of you may already know Tatiana as she has been volunteering for ALF for several months. Tatiana applied for the open Administrative Assistant position and ALF has decided to bring her on board as a staff member in the Great Lakes Division. Tatiana's volunteer experience at ALF will help her hit the ground running and will contribute to the growth and smooth running of the Great Lakes Division. Tatiana can be reached directly at the Great Lakes Division office at 312-377-9030 or via email at thayes@liverfoundation.org



Our Favorite Articles this month:

1. [Fatty Liver Disease: Killer Most People Don't Know About](#)
2. [Why Cancer in the Liver is no Longer a Death Sentence](#)
3. [First Grader with Biliary Atresia Attends Field Trip via Robot](#)
4. [Clinical Trials in the Chicagoland Area](#) (click on Clinical Trials)
5. [Dinner in 30 minutes: Lemon & Garlic Chicken with Spiced Spinach](#)



Webinar Series Spotlight

Please join Dr. Sheila Eswaran & Dr. Costica Aloman from Rush University in our upcoming webinar series focusing on:

Liver Transplantation Overview

(Thursday, April 7th, 12:00pm-12:30pm)

Donating and Receiving Overview

(Thursday, April 21st, 12:00pm-12:30pm)

Support Information

(Thursday, April 28th, 12:00pm-12:30pm)

To secure your spot in this free series, email skoltun@liverfoundation.org today!



In case you missed our last webinar presented by Dr. Lisa VanWagner, Northwestern University, on *Tips for Healthy Living* check it out on our [YouTube Channel!](#)

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