

Nancy Brandon's Stem Cell Treatment Fund

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The 1st Annual

BODY, MIND, SPIRIT

WELLNESS EXPO

**Edgewood United Church
469 Hagadorn Rd
East Lansing, MI**

1:00 - 5:00 pm

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I was diagnosed with early onset Parkinson's disease in 1999. Parkinson's disease (PD) is a progressive movement disorder marked by tremors, rigidity, slow movements, and posture instability. It occurs when cells in one of the movement-control centers of the brain begin to die (for unknown reasons). For a few years a dopamine replacement drug worked to eliminate the major symptoms of PD. Unfortunately, over the past two years the medicine has become less effective. I began to experience major fluctuation; from feeling "frozen" (heavy limbs, disoriented) to "Dyskinesia" (impairment in the ability to control movements /repetitive motions).

In July 2007, I discovered The Institute of Cellular Medicine <http://www.cellmedicine.com> in San Jose, Costa Rica and learned that they are successfully treating Parkinson's patients with stem cell technology. I researched stem cells and learned that many types of diseases (and spinal injuries) have successfully responded to treatments with these cells. I applied and within a week's time, was contacted and told that the medical team at ICM felt that I would be an excellent candidate for the treatment

On September 22nd, with the help of generous donations and loans from friends and family, I traveled to Costa Rica for stem cell treatment. On September 23rd, doctors extracted bone marrow from my hips. They then sorted out the stem cells and added a growth factor which multiplied them. Three days later they reintroduced the stem cells into my bloodstream where they released 500 million stems cells into each side of my brain.

After one day I had already seen signs of regeneration as warts dissolved from my hand and over the next few weeks a scar showed accelerated signs of healing. I am now having longer periods of functionality and less problem with Dyskinesia and restless leg syndrome. My next challenge is to get off of the synthetic dopamine so that my body can begin to manufacture its own dopamine again.

I have raised almost \$14,000 toward my goal of \$24,000. To raise some of the additional funds needed, I have organized **The 1st Annual - Body, Mind, Spirit Wellness Expo**. The goals of this event are threefold: to enhance the network of alternative health practitioners, to increase community awareness of the wide variety of healing modalities that are available in our area, and to support stem cell research and development through public education and fundraising.

Thank you for participating.

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