

Hero Highlight - Nicolas Abreu

This month, we are pleased to highlight Dr. Nicolas Abreu, a board-certified child neurologist and neurodevelopmental disabilities specialist. Dr. Abreu joined the TANGO2 Research Foundation's Scientific Advisory Board 18 months ago. After caring for a child with TANGO2 Deficiency Disorder (TDD), he was deeply moved by the diagnostic and treatment challenges families face. Now an Assistant Professor of Neurology at NYU Grossman School of Medicine, Dr. Abreu brings expertise in neurogenetics, gene therapy, and outcome measure development to the TANGO2 community.

Dr. Abreu values the strong sense of community the Foundation fosters and is committed to helping ensure earlier diagnosis and treatment so individuals with TDD can live as full and independent a life as possible.



Making a Difference, One Month at a Time

Peter Morris, one of our monthly heroes, supports the TANGO2 Research Foundation for two deeply personal reasons: a commitment to advancing

medical research, and a love for his nephew, Ryan.

"My family supports the TANGO2 Research Foundation because we want to help fund the medical research needed to give those affected by TANGO2 the chance to live long, healthy lives," he shares.

Peter's connection to the cause is also family-driven. "Our nephew and cousin, Ryan Morris, has a special place in our hearts. His smile and humor light up every room he enters. Though we live out of state, he's in our thoughts every day."

Peter and his family have been supporting the T2RF since its inception and we're so grateful to them for fueling hope and progress for the entire TANGO2 community!





Five Years of Impact

This July marks **five remarkable years** with our Executive Director, Ann Geffen. Her leadership has propelled the TANGO2 Research Foundation forward in powerful ways, strengthening patient engagement, expanding research networks, and fueling hope for families.

"As Executive Director, Ann brings all of herself to the role each day, leading with characteristic diligence, compassion, and an unwavering dedication to the foundation's mission and the broader patient and research community," shares Co-Founder and President Mike Morris.

Please join us in celebrating Ann's extraordinary dedication and the lasting impact she continues to make in the TANGO2 community!



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New Educational Videos

The TANGO2 Research Foundation partnered with students from Ohio Wesleyan University's Science Communication class, taught by Dustin Braden, who volunteered their time to create a series of short educational videos about TDD.

These videos simplify complex topics to make them easier to understand for families, caregivers, and the wider community. You can find them all on our YouTube channel!

Special thanks to our Development and Operations Manager, Destiny Braden, who recruited her brother Dustin to help with this project!



Splash and Dash 5K

Join us for the 1st Annual Big Rivers Splash & Dash, benefitting the TANGO2 Research Foundation!

Happening on **September 20, 2025 in New Caney, TX,** this special event is organized by the Galland family in honor of their daughter Megan, a TANGO2 warrior. Lace up for a 10K, 5K, Kids Dash, or Virtual Run and race through Big Rivers Waterpark to support critical research and awareness for TDD. If you are local, please attend and join the Galland family! Proceeds will go toward research and furthering treatments for TANGO2 disease!



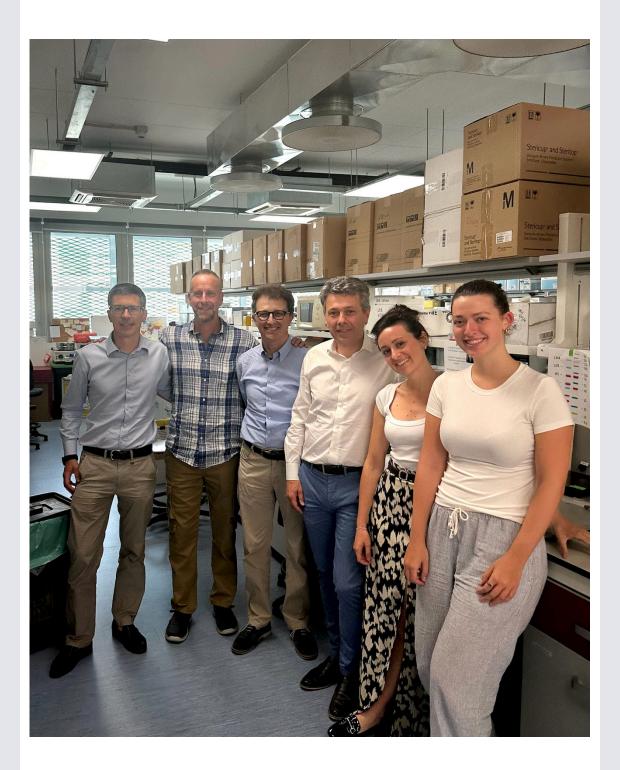
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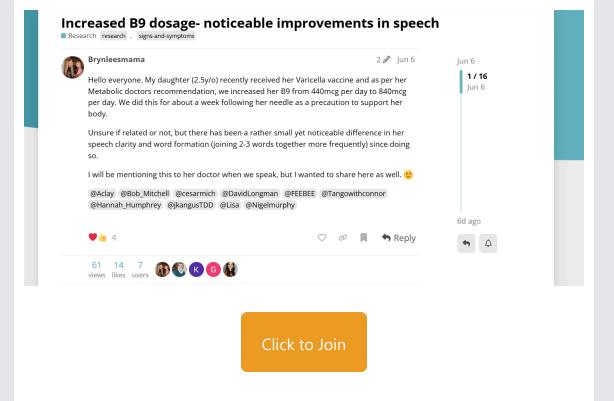
While traveling abroad, Mike and Kasha Morris, along with their son Ryan, had the opportunity to spend time with Giorgio and Rashmi Pochettino and their children Edoardo and Carlotta, at their home in Turin, Italy. On the morning of June 23rd, Mike and Giorgio made a visit to the Laboratory of Medical Genetics and Rare Diseases at the University of Turin to meet with Dr. Alfred Brusco, Dr. Giovanni Battista Ferrero and PhD student Silvia Carestiato, M.Sc. Silvia led a discussion around a project the TANGO2 Research Foundation funded back in Cycle 2 that centered around a sibling pair affected by TDD with a highly differentiated phenotype.

There was lots of great conversation and their visit was a powerful reminder of the global collaboration driving progress for our community!



Join the Conversation

We currently have many helpful and informative conversations going on in our Research Learning Network. With input from families, researchers, clinicians, and other community members we are paving the way for a brighter tomorrow for our TDD warriors!



Upcoming Events

Our Foundation is excited to share the dates for the following upcoming important events. Please mark your calendars. More information will be coming soon!











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