



New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome and Associated Disorders

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NJCTS Update December 2008

NJCTS is a collaboration among TSANJ, Rutgers University and health professionals throughout New Jersey

Give a gift that makes a difference

Use your money wisely this season and give a gift that really makes a difference- a donation to the New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome. When you give a donation in honor of someone special, we will send the recipient a lovely card acknowledging your gift. This is a perfect way to give forward while giving back. Please be sure to contact us by the week of December 15th to ensure timely delivery.

Year-end donations

All non-profits rely on gifts to support their programs and everyday activities; NJCTS is no exception. We need your help so please consider a tax-deductible donation before the end of 2008.

Watch *Front of the Class*, Dec. 7 on CBS

Hallmark Hall of Fame presents the story of Brad Cohen, a man who overcomes incredible obstacles to become a gifted teacher.

By the time he was diagnosed with TS he had hated school. Thanks to an understanding and supportive school principal, Brad decided to become the teacher he never had. Based on Cohen's book, *Front of the Class* is a lesson in determination.

Enjoy this special on Sunday, Dec. 7 at 9 p.m. on CBS.





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NJ library awareness

Visit your local library, and if they haven't already, encourage your librarians to post our TS awareness poster. In October we sent posters and literature on TS to every library in the state of New Jersey. If you don't see the poster, ask your librarian to put it up.

*And while you're there, check out *Against Medical Advice* by best-seller James Patterson and Hal Friedman. It chronicles the Friedman family's 13 year struggle to find solid treatment for their son Cory.*

We have a lending library

New Jersey Center for Tourette Syndrome has a wealth of information available through our lending library. We have books for children, parents and educators as well as DVDs. Please call the office to request a list of what we have to offer.

Upcoming webinars

The NJCTS Wednesday Webinar series continues in January with a presentation on Special Needs Trusts. In February we will focus on Special Education Law. Disabilities in the Workplace is the topic of March's webinar. In April, an expert will discuss The Americans with Disabilities Act and 504 Plans. More information and sign-ups will be available through our website at www.njcts.org.

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Wednesday is TS Day!
WEBINARS



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Missed a webinar?

If you missed one of our Wednesday Webinars you may view them online by [clicking here](#).

The following titles are currently available:

- [A Nurse Talks about Tourette Syndrome](#) (January 2008)
- [Genetics and TS Research](#) (March 2008)
- [After the Diagnosis & Beyond the Tics: TS in Childhood and Adolescence](#) (April 2008)
- [TS and Associated Disorders in the Educational Environment](#) (September 2008)
- [An Educators' Workshop Module 2](#) (October 2008)
- [Mental Health Treatment for Individuals with TS: What's Available and Can it Help?](#) (October 2008)

Wednesday is TS Day: Get Involved-Get an Education- Get Help



What are *you* doing to spread the word?



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Coming in January...

Be sure to keep visiting www.njcts.org for important information and updates. Coming in January, we'll have information on 2009 NJCTS scholarships and how you can nominate a teacher and healthcare provider of the year. Also, NJCTS.org will feature information about our new South Jersey Family Retreat Weekend.

Happy Holidays

NJCTS would like to extend our warmest wishes for you and your family this holiday season. Thank you on behalf of all those with Tourette Syndrome for your continued support and work to create positive awareness of TS.



DECEMBER/JANUARY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT WWW.NJCTS.ORG OR CALL 908-575-7350

- Dec. 1-** Burlington/Camden County Family Support Group - West Jersey Hospital, Voorhees
7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 4-** Atlantic/Cape May County Family Support Group- Atlantic City Med. Ctr., Pomona
7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 4-** Morris/Sussex County Family Support Group- St. Clare's Hospital, Denville 7-9 p.m.
- Dec. 18-** Cumberland County Family Support Group- South Jersey Hospital Fitness Ctr.,
Vineland, 7-9 p.m.



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Jan. 9- Educator Workshop- *Inclusion Friendly Classroom Environment*,

Professional Development Academy, Piscataway. Presenter: Janine Howley, MA

Jan. 13- Middlesex/Union County Family Support Group- JFK Hospital Neuroscience Inst.,
Edison. 7-9 p.m.

Jan. 15- Mercer County Family Support Group- RWJ Hamilton Center for Health and Wellness
7-9 p.m.

Jan. 16- Somerset County Directors of Special Education Meeting.
Presenter: Sandy Romano, Ed.S.

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