



RSDSA

The Reflex Sympathetic Dystrophy Syndrome Association (RSDSA) is a not-for-profit organization established in 1984 to raise awareness of complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), also known as reflex sympathetic dystrophy syndrome (RSD), educate the general public and the medical community, and fund research. Since 1992, RSDSA has funded more than 1.4 million in fellowships and research grants.

The Achilles Walk for Hope & Possibility

Achilles International, Inc., represented in 60 countries, is a not-for-profit organization that provides support, training, and technical expertise to runners at all levels and includes people with disabilities. The Achilles Walk for Hope & Possibility in New York illustrates that people who are disabled can participate in athletic events.

Team RSDSA at Achilles Walk for Hope & Possibility

We have teams in the Achilles Walk for Hope & Possibility to encourage those who are disabled to participate. Our team shows other people the disabling part of the syndrome and offers hope to those who suffer from it. RSDSA is the largest not-for-profit organization in the walk.

Support the Walk

Approximately 50,000 new cases of CRPS occur each year, yet most individuals are not familiar with it. It is our goal to make it a household name. Your participation and contributions support RSDSA's mission. We would love to you to put together a team of your co-workers or friends, and join us.

Your Donations Will Be Used for Research

Last year, funds from the Achilles Walk helped RSDSA host an international research workshop, *Activated Gila: Targets for the Treatment of Neuropathic Pain*. Therapies directed at activated glia hold promise for a new approach to intractable pain. We will host a second conference this October on *Imaging Neuroinflammation and Neuropathic pain*. Our goals are to further investigate neuroinflammation as a cause of neuropathic pain and associated illnesses. We need to accelerate the development of imaging methods and biomarkers (identification of a biomarker may lead to a diagnostic test) that will assist in the diagnosis and treatment of neuroinflammatory diseases. It is a very exciting beginning.

Our Goal for 2011: \$100,000 You Can Help

There are several things you can do. The easiest is to write us a check! Please walk with us and raise pledges, or put together a corporate team. Perhaps your company has a matching funds arrangement for not-for-profit fundraising events. Visit the website or contact us to get started.