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Parkinson's Action Network 16th Annual Research & Public Policy Forum
February 17, 2010
11:00 am-5:00 pm EST

Education and Advocacy at Work

Share a Day of Education and Advocacy with Parkinson's Advocates

The Parkinson's Action Network (PAN) is pleased to present the 16th Annual Research & Public Policy Forum, a day of education and advocacy, on February 17, 2010. Forum participants will learn about the current legislative issues impacting the Parkinson's community and how to advocate for better treatments and a cure by communicating with elected officials and influencing change in Washington, DC.

For each of the past 15 years, hundreds of Parkinson's advocates from across the country have gathered in Washington, DC for PAN's annual Research & Public Policy Forum. The Forum is well-regarded throughout the Parkinson's community as an event where advocates come together, learn, and participate in meetings with their members of Congress.

This year's Forum will put a new twist on this annual event in the Parkinson's community. For the first time, PAN will present a virtual Forum, allowing people to enjoy the full Forum experience without traveling to Washington, DC. The Forum will be presented free via a live, interactive Webcast, available through the Internet, or via Audiocast, available by telephone.

Bringing Change through Advocacy

Meetings with members of Congress and their staff are an integral part of the Forum each year. It will be no different during the 2010 Forum. The week of the Forum (February 15-19) is traditionally a District Work Period for Congress; your members of Congress will likely be in your district or state and will want to hear from you. The 2010 Forum will prepare you with the information needed for successful meetings with your members of Congress.

Meetings are the perfect opportunity to tell your personal story and ask your elected officials to support issues important to the Parkinson's community. These face-to-face meetings with members of Congress and their staff, coupled with consistent advocacy throughout the year, have led to a number of critical legislative victories in the fight against Parkinson's disease. For more information about how advocacy is making a difference, please visit www.parkinsonsaction.org/Progress-Impact.html.

Take Action — Get Involved

PAN's virtual Forum is an excellent way to come together with Parkinson's advocates in your community. PAN encourages you to spread the word throughout your community and organize gatherings where people can share the Forum experience. Each new voice eager to speak about Parkinson's disease makes our community stronger and reinforces our voice on Capitol Hill.

To register for the Forum at no cost, please visit www.thepanforum.org or call (800) 850-4726.

PAN-Hosted City Events

In addition to private and support group gatherings around the country, PAN will be hosting in-person gatherings in a few cities across the nation where advocates can participate in the Forum with other members of the Parkinson's community. PAN will be announcing each hosted city, as it is chosen, through its Web site at www.parkinsonsaction.org.