

# ***Kinetic Connections***

**A COMMUNITY PUSHING THE LIMITS  
IN THE WORLD OF CEREBRAL PALSY.**

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## ***Greetings,***

On behalf of the Kinetic Connections Organizing Committee, we are pleased to send you our first newsletter!

## ***Our Story...***

In March 2007, a group of interested families and healthcare professionals from the Phelps Center for Cerebral Palsy & Neurodevelopmental Medicine at the Kennedy Krieger Institute and United Cerebral Palsy of Central Maryland in Baltimore formed Kinetic Connections.

## ***Our Mission...***

Kinetic Connections is an organization of individuals with cerebral palsy (CP), family members, and interested healthcare professionals with a mission to provide the CP community with a means of connecting with one another for developing and promoting information exchange, education programs and a forum to promote cerebral palsy research, and mutual support.

We have formed Advocacy, Education Programs, Support Groups, Research, and Website Committees to support our mission.

Kinetic Connections is a volunteer organization and we hope you are interested in learning more about us.

Please consider joining our Committees by contacting the Committee Chairs.

We invite you to attend our upcoming education programs.

For more information about Kinetic Connections, call, 443.923.9137.

Karen Isaac, Chair

## ***About Our Programs...***

### **SUPPORT**

***Kinetic Connections Family Support Program*** – Trained volunteers are available to meet with families are being seen through the Phelps Center for Cerebral Palsy & Neurodevelopmental Medicine at Kennedy Krieger Institute, in order to share information about cerebral palsy and community resources. *More volunteers are needed for the Program.*

***Local Support Groups (planned)*** – Kinetic Connections will help organize support groups and social/recreation activities for interested families in their communities. Are you interested in forming a support group?

***Kinetic Connections Forum*** – Our on-line Yahoo group. To sign-up and become a member, go to:  
<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/kineticconnectionsforum>

***Website (planned)*** – Our website will go under construction when funding is available.

If interested in the above activities, contact:

**Barbara Barrett, Chair, Support Groups Committee**  
[barrettb@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:barrettb@kennedykrieger.org)

### ***Computer Geek Wanted***

Kinetic Connections will need a Web master to manage our Kinetic Connections Forum and future website.

If interested, contact:

**Toni Shumate, Staff, Kinetic Connections**  
443.923.9137

[shumate@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:shumate@kennedykrieger.org)

### **ADVOCACY**

Kinetic Connections has an Advocacy Committee to develop policy statements, participate in local coalitions and educate the public about issues important to the CP Community

If interested in joining the Committee, contact:

**Michelle DeFeo, Chair**  
[DeFeo@kennedykrieger.org](mailto:DeFeo@kennedykrieger.org)



#### **Kinetic Connections Organizing Committee**

Karen Isaac, Chair  
Advocacy Committee  
Michelle DeFeo, Chair  
Education Programs  
Toni Shumate, Coordinator  
Support Groups Committee  
Barbara Barrett, Chair  
Research Committee  
Patrick McCormick, Chair

## EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Kinetic Connections is presenting annual education conference and quarterly education seminars for individuals with CP, their families and healthcare professionals.

### ***Kinetic Connections Education Conference (Spring)***

National and regional experts present on current research and treatment of cerebral palsy.

**1<sup>st</sup> Annual Kinetic Connections Education Conference, April 26, 2007** – over 100 individuals with CP, their families and healthcare professionals attended the conference to learn about current research and treatment for individuals with cerebral palsy. If you would like a CD of the conference presentations, contact us.

### ***Kinetic Connections Education Conference (April or May 2009)***

Topic: *Cell-Based Therapies for Children with Disabilities: Future Possibilities*

### ***Kinetic Connections Education Seminars (Quarterly)***

National and regional experts present topical seminars on cerebral palsy

### **Upcoming Education Seminar**

*Manual Physical Therapy for Individuals with Cerebral Palsy*

Diane Nemett, PT, MS, DO (MP), Department of Physical Therapy, Kennedy Krieger Institute

Janice Laux, PT, Department of Physical Therapy, Kennedy Krieger Institute

Tara Diel, MS, PT, Department of Physical Therapy, Kennedy Krieger Institute

Saturday, December 6, 2008

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Kennedy Krieger Institute, Greenspring Campus

3825 Greenspring Avenue, Bowles Bldg. 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Board Room

Baltimore, MD 21211

*The seminar flyer and registration form are attached.*

For information about our education programs, contact:

**Toni Shumate, Coordinator**

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## RESEARCH

***Kinetic Connections Research Committee*** – plans to identify promising research on treatment of cerebral palsy and advocate for increased research both locally and nationally.

***The Silberstein-Harryman Endowment at Kennedy Krieger Institute*** – was established in 2007 to fund research and training on childhood motor disabilities including cerebral palsy and spina bifida. Contact Kinetic Connections if interested in making a donation to the Endowment.

If interested in joining the Research Committee, contact:

**Patrick McCormick, Chair**

[pmccormick@hunton.com](mailto:pmccormick@hunton.com)



### ***An Invitation to Contribute to Kinetic Connections...***

Your contribution will further the development of current and future programs and services to benefit individuals with cerebral palsy and their families: Family Support Program, support groups, web site, education programs, and advocacy.

### ***Yes, I would like to contribute to Kinetic Connections***

\$10       \$35       \$50       \$100       \$250       \$500       \$1,000+

Enclosed is my contribution of \$ \_\_\_\_\_. **Please make check payable to:** Kennedy Krieger Institute

**Send to:** Kinetic Connections, Kennedy Krieger Institute, 707 North Broadway, Tower 100, Baltimore, MD 21205

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_