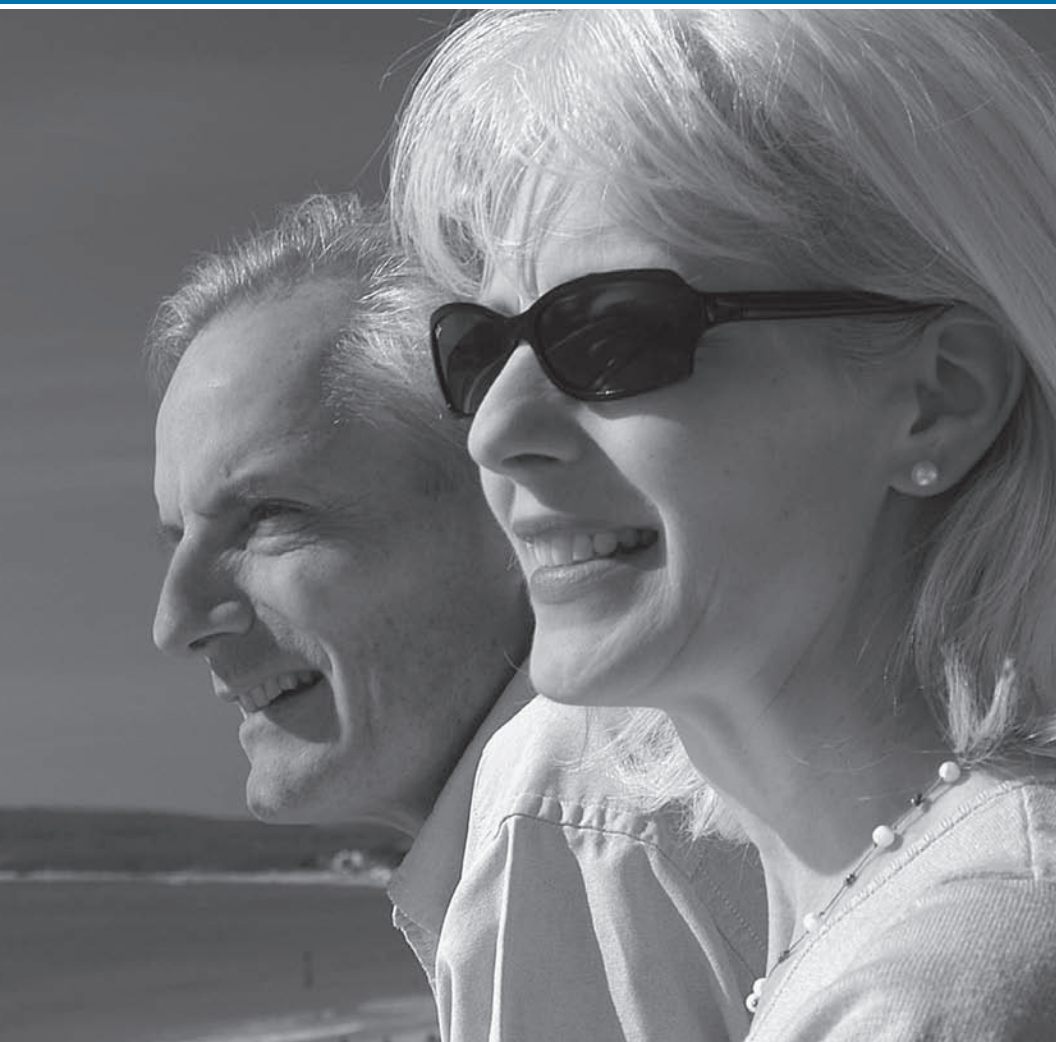
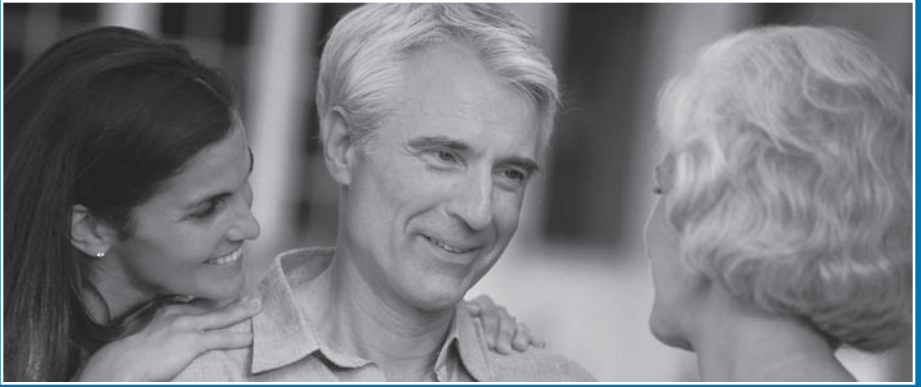


Quest Legacy Society

Making a difference for future generations



**Spondylitis
Association
of America™**



Together, we can make a difference...



SAA's MISSION: “To be a leader in the quest to cure ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases, and to empower those affected to live life to the fullest.”

Dear Friend of SAA,

Throughout the years, you have supported the Spondylitis Association of America with your generous contributions, and I am deeply grateful for your commitment. Because of your dedication to SAA's mission, I would like to invite you to join me as a member of the *Quest Legacy Society*.

The *Quest Legacy Society* was established to recognize and honor those special supporters who have designated a planned gift to the Spondylitis Association. To become a member, simply notify us that you have remembered SAA in your estate plans.

As a *Quest Legacy Society* member, you will play a principal role in ensuring that SAA can continue to fund medical research, produce educational programs and advocate on behalf of the spondylitis community we serve.

As a member of the *Quest Legacy Society*, you will receive special updates on SAA programs and services and be listed as a *Quest Legacy Society* member on SAA's website and in the Annual Report. More importantly, you will gain the satisfaction of knowing that future generations affected by spondylitis will have the resources necessary to better manage the disease.

I know that my legacy gift is one that will make a difference in the future and I hope that you will consider a legacy gift of your own. The footprints we leave today can help others find their path tomorrow.

Many thanks,



Laurie M. Savage
Executive Director



BRIAN MACKENZIE IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

When I was a young boy, my days, like those of most boys my age, were filled with sports. Basketball, soccer, running—anything that kept me moving. Before my 12th birthday, however, those days came to a crushing halt. I was diagnosed with ankylosing spondylitis (AS), and my days playing high-impact sports were over.

While that was the beginning of a lengthy learning process about the disease -- not to mention my battles with spinal and hip pain, as well as hip replacement surgery just after I turned 27 -- it was not the end of my world. In fact, it was the beginning of a wonderful relationship with the Spondylitis Association of America.

The SAA is the largest resource in the United States for people seeking information about AS. For my parents and me, it was a godsend. Through the SAA, my family and I learned more about the disease, how it is treated, and how to cope with such a diagnosis. It also brought us together with other people suffering from AS so we could learn and draw strength from their experience.

The SAA provided my parents with a resource through which they could cope with having a son diagnosed with AS. For me, it has been an amazing resource that has allowed me to find the strength and understanding to live my life on my own terms. Now, it is my turn to give back to an organization that has given so much to me.

For many years, I have supported the SAA with an annual contribution, and I joined the Board of Directors five years ago, serving on the Fund Development and Finance committees, to help the organization raise the money necessary to continue its important work. Over the long-term, I

want to invest in the SAA in ways that will benefit the organization into the future. Setting aside a legacy gift allows me to do that, and it means a great deal to me.

A charitable gift of any kind is a personal act. A planned gift, however, is about an individual's commitment to an organization. For me, it is making a gift to an organization that I know will be around for a long time, providing information to and inspiration for thousands of people with AS and their families. The SAA's mission is "to be a leader in the quest to cure ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases, and to empower those affected to live life to its fullest." I want that mission to continue and flourish.

For nearly 25 years, I have dealt with the effects of AS. Through my legacy gift, I am making a lasting contribution so future generations will not have to experience the disease in the same way I have. I want to help doctors, patients and researchers learn more about this disease. One of the best ways to further that goal is to make a planned gift to the Spondylitis Association of America, helping to ensure that those affected by AS are not alone—or without the resources necessary to cope with their disease.



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~Brian MacKenzie

YOUR GIFT FOR SAA'S FUTURE

Planned gifts allow you to support the work of the Spondylitis Association of America (SAA) while protecting your personal interests. Whether you want to leave a legacy through a bequest, charitable trust, life insurance or other planned giving options, your gift should ensure financial security for you and your loved ones, while allowing you to make a significant impact on the people who SAA serves. There are a variety of planned giving options that can be tailored to your individual financial and charitable objectives.

Bequest

Designating SAA as a beneficiary in your will is the simplest way to create a legacy gift to SAA without affecting your current financial situation. After providing for your family, you can remember SAA in your will for a specific dollar amount or a percentage of your estate.

Charitable Trusts

Setting up a trust that provides you with current income for life for yourself and/or loved ones is another way to leave a legacy gift to SAA. You will receive favorable tax benefits and SAA will receive what is remaining in the trust.

Life Insurance

Another opportunity to make a significant gift to SAA is with life insurance. You can transfer an existing life insurance policy that is no longer needed by your family to SAA or you can make SAA the beneficiary of a new policy.

Other Planned Giving Options

There are many other planned giving options available. Planned gifts have many benefits including the possibility of increasing your income while avoiding capital gains taxes and reducing estate taxes.

This information is not professional tax or legal advice; please consult an attorney or professional advisor about your specific situation.

For more information on the *Quest Legacy Society*, and how planned giving can work for you, please go to www.spondylitis.org/quest or contact: Susan L. Jones, Director of Development and Planned Giving at **800-777-8189, ext. 231** or by email at susan.jones@spondylitis.org.



Volunteer Leaders facilitate over 30 SAA-Sponsored Educational Support Groups around the country for spondylitis patients and their families.

SPONDYLITIS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

The Spondylitis Association of America (SAA) was the first and remains the largest resource in the United States for people affected by ankylosing spondylitis and related disease.

Since its inception, SAA has dedicated all of its resources to improving the lives of those affected by spondylitis. By funding and promoting medical research, advancing education and awareness and providing information and support, SAA has been at the forefront of every major advancement in spondylitis research, education and advocacy. Today, SAA continues to be the respected voice of the spondylitis community.



Tyler Walker and Katlin Poladian helped start SWIFT, the first website for teens living with spondylitis.



Khawar Siddique, MD talks with patient, Kyle Brownfield, at a Spondylitis Educational Seminar sponsored by SAA.

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For over 25 years, the Spondylitis Association of America has been the largest resource for people with ankylosing spondylitis and related diseases and remains the leading voice for the millions of Americans affected by these conditions.

Your support helps provide the resources necessary to stay in the forefront of spondylitis research and continue to provide programs and services to those affected by the disease.

Together, we will continue to work towards the day that our combined efforts help to uncover the cure.



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