



Hope 4 Children with Epilepsy Parent Group Announces Legislative Endeavor

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On August 18, 2013, respected Doctor Sanjay Gupta, along with CNN, aired his year-long documentary, *WEED*. The Documentary told the story of young Charlotte Figi and her parents search for an effective and safe treatment to help control the devastating seizures and cognitive decline she suffered through Dravet Syndrome. At the end of their rope, and with Charlotte facing possible death, the Figi's turned to the Stanley brothers of Colorado Springs and their almost useless cannabis plant.

This plant, high in CBD and low in THC, turned out to be Charlotte's miracle.

"The chemical make-up of this plant is unlike any other cannabis plant on earth", said Annette Maughan, President of the Epilepsy Association of Utah. "Its non-psychoactive properties (low THC) make it undesirable to regular cannabis users. But its high level of CBD (Cannabidiol) shows substantial treatment potential for people with epilepsy."

Charlotte went from 300+ seizures a week... not walking, talking or eating; just lying in a catatonic state...to running on the beach, riding a bike, learning to talk, and eating again. Charlotte now has less than 1 seizure a week.

After hearing this story, Jennifer May of Pleasant Grove, herself a Mother of a child with Dravet Syndrome, reached out to her group of Dravet Parents, the Epilepsy Association of Utah, and other families who could benefit from this treatment. They agreed that the plant Charlotte was using was worth fighting to get.

"Alepsia holds more hope, and causes fewer side effects, than any of the other treatment options available to our children. The fact that it can be given orally and is not psychoactive makes it an amazing possibility for improvement in both seizures and quality of life", said May.

The parents formed a group: Hope 4 Children with Epilepsy. Their express purpose is launching a grassroots effort to get their children the help they need.

They need Alepsia: a plant-based hope.

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ABOUT HOPE 4 CHILDREN WITH EPILEPSY

We are parents of children with severe forms of epilepsy. Most have multiple types of seizures every day, varying in intensity and length from seconds to hours. The seizures take a toll on the children's over-all health, ability to function, and quality of life. These children also have 10 times increased risk for sudden death. We *desperately* need new treatment options that hold hope for controlling the seizures, stopping the deterioration, and improving quality of life for our kids. We are working to get Alepsia in Utah for oral distribution: as an oil, tablet or tincture. It is NOT smoked and it CANNOT get anyone 'high', but it CAN save the lives of our children.

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