Choroideremia (CHM) is a rare inherited disorder that causes progressive vision loss and ultimately leads to complete blindness.

### RESEARCH. EDUCATE. CONNECT.

The Choroideremia Research Foundation (CRF) was established in 2000 to raise funds in support of scientific research leading to a treatment or cure of choroideremia (CHM); to educate people affected by the disease; and to inform the public. CHM affects approximately 1 in 50,000 individuals, primarily males, as the disorder is linked to the x-chromosome. There are currently no treatment options or a cure for CHM.

The largest international nonprofit organization representing CHM.

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## SAVING SIGHT IS OUR VISION



### **RESEARCH.** Accelerating Science for a Cure

Since its inception, CRF has provided over \$4 million in research grants. CRF's Science Advisory Board, comprised of 13 distinguished ophthalmology and medical professionals, reviews proposals and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors for approval. Findings from some of these awards have led to the initiation of:



Clinical trials of potential treatment options currently underway



Publicly accessible cell line and tissue bank resources

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Animal models to better understand the disease

CRF also maintains a CHM Patient Registry, and is spearheading the development of a Choroideremia Disease Staging Document and a Female Carrier Natural History Study with other partner organizations.



### **EDUCATE.** Providing Resources and Information

Throughout the year, CRF offers both educational webinars and online peer support programs. Webinars have been offered on topics such as:

- Guide Dogs
- Nutrition and Exercise
- Emotional Impacts of CHM
- Assistive Technology
- Genetic Testing
- Gene Therapy
- Stem Cell Therapy
- And more...

If you or someone you know has been diagnosed with CHM and would like to speak with someone personally, email info@curechm.org or call 800-210-0233.

### **CONNECT.** Building a Patient Community

CRF hosts a biennial conference for patients and family members, along with various regional meetings. It's a time to educate attendees about cutting-edge advancements in research and connect people who have limited in-person opportunities to meet fellow members of the global CHM family.

CHMer online support group chats are invaluable resources that include informal, topic-driven, open discussions, such as Finance for CHMers and Career Planning for CHMers. For family members, we host groups for Moms of CHMers, Young 18-35 CHMers and Spouses of CHMers.

A full list of upcoming programs as well as an Introduction to CHM Patient Toolkit and links to other resources may be found at www.curechm.org.

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