



Thanks to the FD Foundation, we are able to experience the joy of being grandparents!

Our FD Story:

Our daughter Lauren was born with FD in 1983, although it took three long and difficult years for us to arrive at this terrifying diagnosis. When Lauren passed away in 1989, we felt like our world had ended. We ached to have another child, but we didn't want to take the chance of living through the FD nightmare again.

Around that time, the board of the FD Foundation, who were mostly parents in similar circumstances, set an aspirational goal of finding the FD gene. These tenacious individuals stopped at nothing—engaging leading geneticists and investing millions of dollars to accomplish what at the time some said was impossible.

Thanks to the identification of genetic markers which enabled testing for FD in utero, we were blessed with the birth of our son Joseph--and a new lease on life--in 1994. Nearly three decades later, we have just celebrated the birth of our second grandchild.

Despite our tragic loss, we have experienced a life of joy that we never could have imagined during those darkest days. Our family is just one example of the infinite impact of the Foundation's visionary work. We could not be more grateful.

Gerry & Vivian Adler

Your Impact:

The FD Foundation invested millions of donor dollars in scientific research to identify the gene that causes FD, resulting in a generation of healthy babies born to parents who are carriers of the gene. Your donor dollars support the Foundation's ongoing quest to change lives for the better.