MEET FRANCES LEFCORT, PHD
CO-CHAIR, SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARD

My FD Story:

I am a neuroscientist who has studied FD for 12 years; but I also have a personal connection to FD. I grew up with two first cousins who had FD, whose memory inspires my work every day. In my lab at Montana State University, we are testing gene therapy in a mouse model of FD in order to find an effective treatment. Most of the funding for our research has come from the National Institutes of Health, but our most recent work has been helped considerably by the FD Foundation, to which we are so grateful. As Co-Chair of the Foundation's Scientific Advisory Board, I collaborate with brilliant scientists who are harnessing some of the most advanced technologies available today in their FD research. Our goal: find safe and effective treatments that will slow, stop or even reverse the degenerative effects of the disorder, enabling people who have FD to live longer and better lives. We are optimistic that this goal is within reach!

Dr. Frances Lefcort

Your Impact:

Your donor dollars facilitate cutting-edge FD research by: funding seed grants that support FD scientists in their quest to test new theories; supporting the purchase of advanced diagnostic equipment for use in clinical studies and data collection at the Dysautonomia Center; and by maintaining the FD Natural History Study, an essential tool in rare disease research.