

Meet The Rumenapp Family

During our 40th Anniversary year, we will be featuring individuals who helped define the past 40 years. Today our spotlight is on Derrick and Amy Rumenapp, their son Matthew and daughter Megan.

The Rumenapp's first contacted our organization back in 2009. Their 2-year-old son, Matthew, had begun having seizures, and was diagnosed with epilepsy. Matthew's journey was a difficult one. His seizures increased to hundreds a day, and he was eventually diagnosed with Doose Syndrome. After seeing no success on numerous medications, Matthew was placed on the ketogenic diet for two years. Today, he is a 14-year old happy, healthy boy who enjoys sports and has been seizure free for many years! Matthew was one of our Winning Kids in 2014.

Derrick and Amy have been incredibly supportive of our Foundation for the past 12 years. They have shared their story with many other families who have children with epilepsy, and have supported other families going through the ketogenic diet. They have shared their story with the media, and served as speakers for our family conferences. They have also been dedicated in raising both money and awareness for our organization, raising over \$50,000 during the past decade. Amy served as co-chair of our Walk to End Epilepsy for two years and continued to serve on the committee for many years after. Their daughter Megan volunteered at the walk and assisted in their fundraising efforts. Recently, Derrick ran a marathon to support our Walk to End Epilepsy. He also organized a 26-mile Walk/Run to highlight the statistic that 1 in 26 people will develop epilepsy. The Rumenapp's are tireless advocates for our organization. In 2019, Derrick received the "Raising Awareness Award" from our organization, and in 2021 they were honored with the "Flame of Hope" award. Derrick is also a past member of the Board of Directors.

Thank you to the Rumenapp's for all of your efforts on behalf of thousands of individuals with epilepsy over the years, and for serving our cause consistently

