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FACES (Finding A Cure for Epilepsy and Seizures)

The mission of FACES is to improve the quality of life for all those affected by epilepsy and seizures. FACES is affiliated with the NYU Langone Medical Center and its Comprehensive Epilepsy Center. FACES funds research to improve epilepsy care, advances new therapies, and fosters a supportive community for children, families and caregivers who live with the challenges of epilepsy.

Our goal is to find a cure.

FACES began when a group of parents, adult patients, and doctors came together in 1994 to advance research, clinical care, and education, and to tackle the social and behavioral problems that complicate epilepsy. Since its founding, FACES seeks to improve the quality of life for all people affected by epilepsy through research, education and awareness, and community-building events.

Our Founder, Dr. Orrin Devinsky, writes:



"FACES is a family, a community working together to make a difference in the lives of those touched by epilepsy. Among the 3 million Americans with epilepsy, nearly 1 million have uncontrolled seizures and 2 million suffer from their medication's side effects. Too many lives are limited and injured by epilepsy and its treatment. We are committed to honor our twofold mission: to help one person at a time, but also to focus our efforts on research that could impact numerous lives."

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GETTING STARTED

Some important things to think about:

1. What projects/activities does your FACES club want to work on?
2. Will your club have officers?
 - a. If so, how will you decide positions?
 - b. If not, will everyone share responsibilities?
3. Who will your club members be?
Recruit people that bring unique skills to the table.
4. Who will keep the club going when current leaders move on?
Set your club up for the long haul.
5. Where will your club hold meetings?
6. Do you have a budget for your club?
7. Will you register your club with your school?
 - a. Will your school require you to have an adult advisor?
 - i. If so, who will you choose for the job?
 - b. Do you need to file any paperwork with your school to register your club?

STEP ONE: Set up goals

Goal 1: Raise epilepsy and seizure awareness in our school

Goal 2: Raise funds for FACES

Goal 3: Volunteer for FACES

STEP TWO: Action Items

Goal 1: Raise epilepsy and seizure awareness at your school

Action Items:

1. Show the “You Can Do This” video in classrooms or an assembly
2. Distribute literature on what to do if someone has a seizure
3. Arrange for a guest speaker to talk in your health class about epilepsy

Goal 2: Raise funds for FACES

Action Items:

1. Set up your own Fundraising Page – <http://giving.nyumc.org>
2. Wear Purple Day! – Charge students \$1 to wear purple to school
3. Purple cupcake sale – Encourage everyone to bake something with purple food coloring
4. Purple wristband sale – See if your school will purchase purple wristbands that your club can re-sell
5. Field Day/Sporting tournament – Charge a nominal amount for tickets and donate to FACES

Goal 3: Volunteer

Action Items:

1. Create gift baskets for CEC patients at the hospital and who are staying at the FACES apartments
2. Create get well cards for CEC patients staying at the hospital and mail them to FACES
3. Have a FACES table set up at your school’s fair

