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IRSF 10<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC SYMPOSIUM

Eaglewood Resort & Spa  
Itasca, Illinois

## The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual IRSF Scientific Symposium

It has been **10 years** since the discovery of the gene mutation that causes Rett syndrome. In that time our special children have gone from misdiagnosed and misunderstood to having an identified cause for their syndrome.

The discovery of the MECP2 gene mutation brought the average age of diagnosis from 4–5 years to about 17 months—critical for the start of early childhood developmental interventions. Researchers now have evidence that Rett syndrome, the only Autism spectrum disorder with a known genetic cause, is potentially reversible.

Milestones make us pause and reflect on our journey and enable us to chart a faster, more focused course for the progress that lies ahead. Be a part of this special moment by supporting this conference to make it through to our next milestone discovery. **Become a voice for all the Silent Angels that cannot speak on their own behalf. Be a hero in our story. It will have a great ending—we promise.**

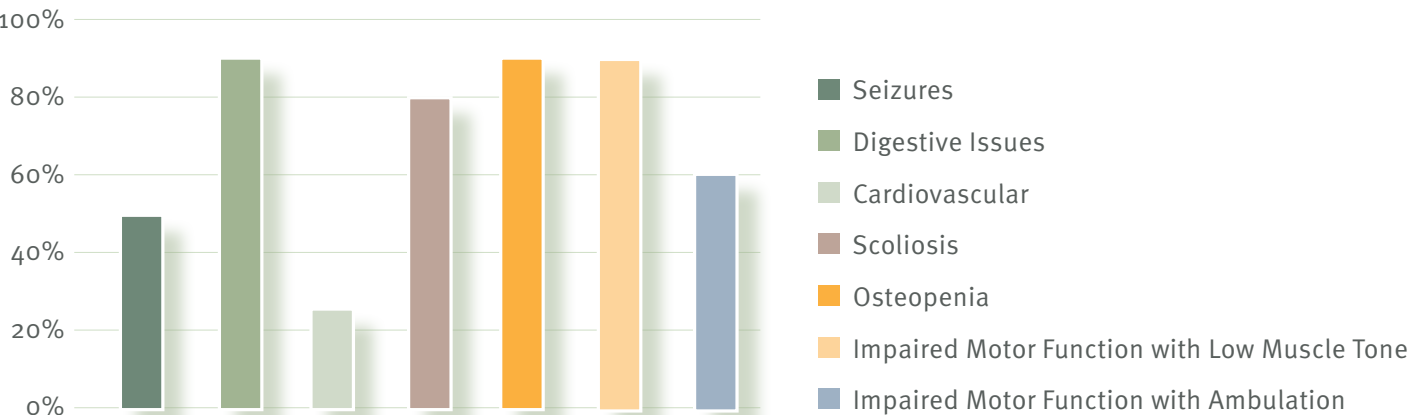
Rett syndrome has taken away the future that many parents have dreamed for their daughters. IRSF is working to give it back. Join us in our mission.



## About the International Rett Syndrome Foundation (IRSF)

IRSF is the most widely respected, and first dedicated international foundation to focus on finding treatments and a cure for Rett syndrome, a devastating pediatric neurological illness that affects one in 10,000–15,000. It is estimated that there is a girl born with Rett syndrome once every five hours. A landmark study by Dr. Adrian Bird, PhD, co-funded by IRSF, reversing the symptoms of Rett syndrome in a genetic mouse model was announced February 8, 2007. The results were astounding. The principle of reversibility was established. The study suggests Rett syndrome may be the first autism spectrum disorder to be cured, even in the late stages of the disease. IRSF's 2009 research commitment exceeds \$1.7 million and our cumulative total support of research projects is now over \$18 million! IRSF has a three part mission: 1) To support basic scientific and advanced clinical research focused on treatments and cures for Rett syndrome 2) To increase public awareness about Rett syndrome 3) To provide information and support to the families of individuals with Rett syndrome. The Foundation directs 96% of every dollar donated directly to program services.

## Leading Causes of Illness and Impairment in Girls with RS



A host of equipment (assistive communication devices, custom computers, wheelchairs, walkers, braces, etc.) and pharmaceuticals (anti-seizure medications, proton pump inhibitors, etc.) are a fixture in the lives of these girls and their families.

NOTE: Of the 60% ambulatory most will require some form of mobility device including high-tech strollers and wheelchairs; many will require ankle/foot orthotic devices; many will require Botox for limitation of movement.



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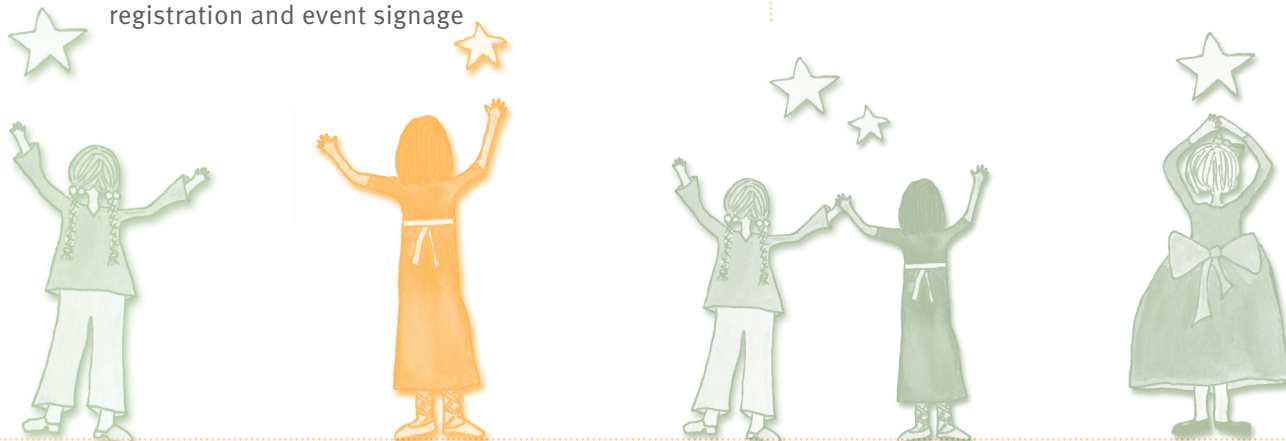
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**A girl is born every 5 hours  
with Rett syndrome**

**Rett syndrome is the leading cause  
of severe impairment in girls**

**Rett syndrome affects all ethnic,  
racial and socioeconomic groups.  
Every parent is at risk for having  
a child with Rett syndrome**



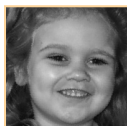
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