

Have you heard of **RETT SYNDROME?**

OCTOBER is Rett Syndrome Awareness Month!

Will you help make a difference and raise awareness and funds with us?

What is Rett Syndrome (RTT)?

- RTT is a unique neuro-developmental disorder seen almost exclusively in females that begins to show its affects between 6-18 months and is most often misdiagnosed as Autism, cerebral palsy or non-specific development delay. It is found in all racial and ethnic groups throughout the world.
- RTT is the most devastating disorder on the Autism spectrum. After a period of regression, losses usually include speech, hand use, along with many other motor skills. As the child grows older many other challenging symptoms can develop including seizures, irregular breathing, disturbed sleep patterns, gastrointestinal troubles and more.
- But here's the **good news**: Researchers are making tremendous progress at an unprecedented pace. After the discovery of the gene mutation that causes RTT in 1999, scientists, funded by the **International Rett Syndrome Foundation (IRSF)**, have recently been able to prove that many of the symptoms of RTT can be **reversed!** This breakthrough in knowledge has created a surge of momentum in the research world to discover pathways to provide real world treatments (the first of which are just around the corner) and, ultimately, a cure.

We want to keep this momentum moving. **With your help we WILL make a DIFFERENCE!**

IRSF is the number one source of private funds for RTT research. Our core mission is to fund research for treatments and a cure for Rett syndrome while enhancing the overall quality of life for those living with Rett syndrome by providing information, programs, and services.

There are families right here in
YOUR back yard affected by Rett syndrome.

Donate in honor of a local Rett Angel,

or a Rett Angel close to **YOUR** heart.

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