

Clifford Fry

Clifford L. Fry, Chair of FAB since January 2010, is the father of Ashley Fry, a 30 year old beauty with Rett Syndrome. Clifford and his wife, Judy, and Ashley attended the first conference of the International Rett Syndrome Association, a forerunner of IRSF. Clifford was on the first board of IRSA for approximately five years. During this time he and Judy and Dr. Alan Percy sponsored the Houston IRSA conferences for parents, combining medical information with fun events, that set the pattern for many subsequent conferences. Clifford and Judy were Texas representatives for years, during which time they talked with many parents and got Ashley involved in several research studies at the Rett Center in Houston. Clifford helped get then Governor George Bush to declare October to be Rett Syndrome Awareness month in Texas, one of the first states to have such a declaration. As Chair of FAB in 2010, he advised those in other states about how to obtain their state proclamations. Clifford nominated Dr. Huda Zoghbi, who discovered the gene responsible for Rett Syndrome, for the Texas Women's Hall of Fame, a rare award given only every other year, resulting in her acceptance and induction. Clifford has a Ph.D. in Economics from Texas A&M University and has been a professor at the University of Houston, Washington State University, and Texas A&M University. Clifford has worked in commercial banking and at the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Clifford currently co-owns an economics consulting business called RRC, Inc. Clifford, Judy and Ashley reside in College Station, TX. Clifford is enthusiastic about the opportunities that IRSF provides for those involved with Rett Syndrome. Clifford is devoted to helping FAB assist the IRSF Staff and Board to achieve the IRSF objectives of helping families with Rett Syndrome and finding a cure.

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