

CHILDREN AGAINST HYPERINSULINISM

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Meet Our Board of Directors

Angela Johnson – President

Mother to three children, all without Hyperinsulinism

Angela has spent the last 8 years as Telecommunications Operator for different Law Enforcement Agencies. She is now a full time mother to three beautiful children, which she home schools. She has created a home school group, Round Rock Home School Connection, where other home schooled children can come together to continue developing their social skills and work on group projects. She has volunteered with First Baptist Church of Round Rock to serve meals at the Ronald McDonald House of Austin. In addition she has served on several church committees which have impacted her local community such as delivering meals and other sundry items to the homeless. Angela has worked tirelessly to create Congenital HI Kids in order to help families connect, get support and education about hyperinsulinism. She is directly involved in the day to day operations of Congenital HI Kids.

Ben Johnson – Vice President and Information Technology

Father to three children, all without Hyperinsulinism

Ben is graduate of the Southwest School of Electronics and has studied Computer Science at the University of Oklahoma. He has worked for the last 11 years as a System Technician in the telecommunications industry installing, maintaining, and repairing customer premise equipment and special circuits. Ben has worked alongside Angela to create Congenital HI Kids.

Denise Hammons – Secretary and Conference Coordinator

Mother to Ty Hammons, a child with Hyperinsulinism managed by Octreotide and 95% pancreatectomy

Denise has spent the last 15 years in the hospitality industry in positions varying from Sales Coordinator to Regional Manager. The majority of her industry experience has been focused on event planning. She has served as Treasurer for the Texas Association of Event and Meeting Professionals, is a past member of Meeting Professionals International and Hotel Association of Tarrant County. Her focus now is on caring for Ty and her other four children on a full time basis. Denise also acts as an advocate to other parents of children with hyperinsulinism and is a liaison between Congenital HI Kids and Dr. Paul Thornton with Cook Children's Medical Center. In addition, she participates in fund raising campaigns, marketing and event planning for Congenital HI Kids.

Tim Barlow – Treasurer and Conference Coordinator

Father to three children, all without Hyperinsulinism

Tim is an Air Force Veteran and has been in Law Enforcement for over 25 years. He has served in positions ranging from Patrol officer to Explorer Advisor. He teaches NCIC classes in Texas and has planned events such as Learning for Life Exploring. Learning for Life Exploring provides experiences to help prepare young people to become responsible, caring adults with an eye on future careers and how those careers relate to community service. Tim is a member of Texas Law Enforcement Explorer Advisors Association and heads up both of the Alamo Area Law Enforcement Explorer Competition and the Alamo Area Fire Explorer Competition.



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Daniel M. Tejada – Conference Coordinator

Father to two children, all without Hyperinsulinism

Daniel is the Mayor of the City of Floresville, TX and is the First Home Rule Charter Mayor. He is a graduate of the University of Incarnate Word and studied International Business at St. Mary's University. He is listed in Who's Who among Hispanic Americans. He currently serves on Floresville Electric Light and Power System Board of Directors, serves on Texas Municipal League Executive Board, serves as President of the Hispanic Municipal Officials of Texas, serves as Vice President of the Hispanic/Latino Employees at ATT, and serves as Chair for S.T.R.A.C. South Texas Resource and Assistance Center. Daniel has served as Vice President of the Community Center Board, has served on the Small Cities Advisory Council of the Texas Municipal League, and has served as Chairman of the Mentors at ATT. He has been recognized by the Floresville Athletic Boosters for his support of local sports and by the Chamber of Commerce for Outstanding Contribution to the City 2007. He received the distinguished Public Service Award from the Chamber of Commerce 2008 and received a Certificate of Congressional Recognition from Congressman Cuellar. He served on the Board of Directors for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) thru July 2008 and served on the Board of Directors of the Floresville Economic Development Corporation. He was United Way Solicitor for ATT 2008/2009, Speaker at the Alex Briseno Leadership Development Program, and Speaker at the Von Ormy City Planning Workshop.

Elvia Llanas-Lopez – Director and Conference Coordinator

Mother to John Carlos Lopez Jr. a child with Hyperinsulinism managed by Proglycem.

Elvia is a registered nurse and has been in the nursing field for over 9 years. She has devoted her skills to chemotherapy Phase I Research at the Cancer Therapy & Research Center with the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, TX. Despite her love for oncology she has taken on a new interest in pediatric endocrinology since her son's diagnosis in February 2009. Her medical and personal experiences with hyperinsulinism help her to serve as an advocate to other families affected with the disease.

Lei'Chelle Robertson – Director and Conference Coordinator

Mother to Terelle Harris, a child with Hyperinsulinism managed by Proglycern

Lei'Chelle has worked in the financial services industry for the past 12 years in positions varying from Member Financial Consultant to Level 2 Supervisor and has been a member of the Diversity Committee. Lei'Chelle was solely responsible for securing a grant which allowed her the opportunity to create Sisters United, a community service organization that helped build young women's self esteem by having them plan and implement community events. In addition she has worked with inner city children in creating a magazine called Young Minds. She has volunteered in her community with an organization called Peoples School to educate people on their finances, helping them budget and save. She and her husband have been married for 10 years and have two children. Lei'Chelle decided to become an advocate for children and families affected by hyperinsulinism after her son was misdiagnosed at birth. Her focus is to help educate the general public and medical professionals about hyperinsulinism.



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Jennifer Harvey – Director and Conference Coordinator

Mother to Collin, a child with Hyperinsulinism managed by corn starch, careful monitoring and diet
Jennifer has worked in the Insurance Industry handling Workers Compensations Claims for a total of 11 years, taking a brief 4 year break to establish a small mental health clinic. She is a member of the National Association of Subrogation Professionals and Society of Claim Law Associates. Jennifer currently holds the following designations within her field: CWCP (Certified Workers Compensation Professional), WCLA (Workers Compensation Claim Law Associate) and is currently in the process of completing her CPCU designation (Certified Public Commercial Underwriter). She has been a Girl Scout/Brownie leader and is actively involved in her local church. She is a devoted wife and mother to three children. Collin, her son with HI, was the focus of "A Mystery Diagnosis" episode, which first aired last April 2009.

Gina Woods – Conference Coordinator

Mother to three children, all without Hyperinsulinism

Gina has worked in Customer Service and Product Sales for the last 8 years. She has also taught first through third grade at a private school. Gina has proudly worked with the Awana's at her church for many years. Gina is a devoted wife and mother to three children.



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