

# 2008 Spokane Friedrich's Ataxia Fundraiser

## UP, UP and AWAY with FA!



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Finding a Cure

### What is Friedrich's Ataxia?

Friedreich's Ataxia (FRDA) is a rare, genetic, neurodegenerative, multi-system, life shortening disorder with no known treatment or cure. In the United States, approximately one in 50,000 people have Friedrich's Ataxia and one in 100 are carriers. Onset of symptoms usually occurs between the ages of five and fifteen.

### What are the Symptoms?

- Muscle weakness and loss of coordination (ataxia) in the arms and legs
- Vision impairment, hearing loss and slurred speech
- Aggressive scoliosis (curvature of the spine)
- Diabetes mellitus or carbohydrate intolerance
- Enlarged heart (hypertrophic cardiomyopathy), a serious heart condition

For most, progressive loss of muscle strength and control leads to motor incapacitation and the use of a wheelchair. The mental capabilities of people coping with Friedrich's Ataxia, however, remain completely intact.

### Who is FARA?

Friedrich's Ataxia Research Alliance (FARA) is a 501©(3), non-profit, charitable organization dedicated to accelerating the research leading to a treatment, cure and elimination of Friedrich's Ataxia and related sporadic ataxias.

**EVENT:** Auction and Buffet Dinner  
**LOCATION:** St. Augustine's Catholic Church - Family Hall  
19th and Bernard  
**DATE:** October 24, 2008  
**TIME:** 6:30 - 9:30 PM  
**COST:** \$25 per person, \$175 per table of 8

## Event Highlights

- 🍴 Ticket includes buffet dinner. There will be no-host wine and beer available.
- 🍴 Balloon Pop!!!
- 🍴 Silent Auction
- 🍴 Live Auction
- 🍴 Dessert Auction



## KeyNote Speaker

Anthony J. Santiago, MD - Director

The Edward Ewell Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders Center

### 100% to Research!

FARA is a non-profit organization. 100% of proceeds go towards finding a cure. FARA's Federal Tax ID Number is 52-2122720

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### Please note:

All donations are due by October 10, 2008  
Thank You!