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# Chronicles of Hope

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## Tyler's Hope's Newest Addition **Alyssa Falise**

Tyler's Hope would like to welcome our new intern, Alyssa Falise. Alyssa is currently a 4th year Health Science major at the University of Florida. Look for Alyssa's monthly newsletters in 2014!

## November's Volunteer of the Month **Will Tabor**

Will Tabor is currently a 3rd year Biology major at the University of Florida. He has recently initiated our new UF organization, Gators for Hope under the supervision of David Whitney. In his spare time, Will also helped with our 2013 Homecoming Parade Float and our other homecoming festivities.

**Help us close out 2013 the right way!**  
**Visit our website to donate or get involved!**  
Click [here!](#)

## Tyler's Hope Successes of 2013

As 2013 comes to a close, we would like to take the time to thank you all for your continued support! With your help, Tyler's Hope has been able to achieve a wide variety of accomplishments throughout the year.

- Raised record funds at the 8th Annual: The Hope weekend
- Gave \$800,000 with matching funds to open the Bachmann-Strauss Center of Excellence at the UF Center for Movement Disorders
- Funded \$50,000 for the Bill Dauer Grant at the University of Michigan
- Hosted 1st Annual Swamp Dash Mud Run
- Hired Jacob Wychulis, our new Development Coordinator
- Partnered with Florida HOSA with the goal of being selected as their 2014-2016 National Service Project
- Hosted Gainesville's 1st Annual Uncorked Wine Event
- Founded Gators for Hope, our new UF student organization
- Funded \$10,000 for the Atlanta Drug Discovery Conference
- Hosted 1st Annual Oktoberfest which raised over \$2,400 in North Carolina
- Children fundraising event hosted by the Straitmatter family and the Montessori Academy raised over \$10,000
- The Dystonia International Patient Registry was used in five research studies
- Taylor Tomlinson raised over \$2000 for Tyler's Hope through her Birdies for Charity program
- Hosted annual Think Tank of World's Leading Dystonia Researchers
- Waffle House raised over \$30,000 and presented it at The Hope Weekend
- Gator Dominos is running a Tyler's Hope special raising money for the foundation and will continue in 2014
- Created a Tyler's Hope photo contest, Hope Around the World
- Tyler's Hope benefitted \$16,000 from the Taste of Gainesville



University of Florida Homecoming Parade's Tyler's Hope Float



HOSA at UF paints the 34th Street Wall



Swamp Dash Mud Run 2013

# Upcoming Events



On December 14th, 2013, come out and join Tyler's Hope as we raise money and awareness for the battle against Dystonia and Parkinson's Disease!

Our Season of Hope 5k/15k will be held at the Gainesville Hawthorne Trail and will begin at 9:00am.

To register, click [here](#).

## TEDxUF: From Kitchen Table to Cure

*"It became a simple deal. Finding a cure for DYT1 Dystonia is only a function of time and funding."*



On February 23rd, 2013, the University of Florida hosted its annual TEDxUF event. This year, nine speakers were brought in to discuss the year's theme of "pursuing passion."

We are honored to announce that one of the nine speakers was Ken Staab, who serves as an Ambassador of Hope on the Tyler's Hope for a Dystonia Cure Executive Board.

During his speech, Staab reminded UF students to follow their passions while also showcasing his ability to pursue his passion of finding a cure for dystonia. To see his speech, click [here](#)!

## Volunteering Opportunities

**Tyler's Hope needs your help!**

We're looking for volunteers to help facilitate our upcoming Season of Hope 5K/15K on 12/14/13.

Click [here](#) to register as a volunteer if you haven't already done so.

We will also be looking for volunteers to provide Tyler's Hope with auction items for our 9th Annual: The Hope Golf Tournament. Contact Jacob Wychulis for more information.

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## End of the Year Letter from the Founder

Dear Tyler's Hope Family,

As we recap and review the 2013 year, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support. Your time, your money, and most importantly your participation in our events have helped create something special, and we are making this a nationally recognized effort. Key foundation things happened this year that are impacting these efforts and growing our cause. The hiring of Jacob Wychulis, the upgrading of the website, Ken Staab's Tedx talk, the expansion of the registry, corporate commitments, and the confirmation of UF as the leading dystonia center through the Bachmann Strauss award have provided a national stage we fully plan to grow for the cause in 2014.

We have been overwhelmed by the groundswell of support and momentum that started with friends and has grown to what Tyler's Hope is today. We currently have funded research in twelve different institutions, and have been a key contributor to the University of Florida's Movement Disorder Center's rise to its status as one of the best and largest dystonia research centers in the world. We could not be more pleased with our investments in the doctors and researchers who have received our grants, and are inspired by the measurable increase in awareness of this disease and its treatments, as well as the networks that have been created.

On behalf of our foundation, our volunteers, and all of the people that will benefit from these efforts, I want to thank you on a very personal level for your support. I encourage you to continue to share your passion with friends, family and coworkers as often as you can, and to stay in touch with our momentum through our website, [www.tylershope.org](http://www.tylershope.org).

You have truly made an impact on our fight to find a cure for dystonia. We are counting on your enthusiastic support of our upcoming events and camaraderie as we take the steps toward finishing this mission.

Best personal regards,

*Rick*

Richard A. Staab  
President

# Donate to Tyler's Hope Now!



Go to [tylershope.org](http://tylershope.org) and click “Donate” at the bottom of the homepage.

Check out our planned giving information to learn about other ways to donate by clicking [here](#).

You may also send any donations by check to the following address:

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## Thank you for your support!