

# YEAR END NEWS

## A time for HOPE with the Sunshine Foundation

### News

Year in Review, some bright spots we are proud of and additional work that needs to be done within and for our beloved allergy community.

### Current Corner:

Preparing for school, some helpful hints of navigating the school systems k-12 and beyond.

### **How you can make a difference:**

Your support today can make a huge impact. Consider making a donation so more bright spots can continue to shine down from Natalie.

### **Connect with us:**

[www.nateam.org](http://www.nateam.org)



### News:

In times of great challenges can come great opportunities. At a young age, Natalie always felt the need to help and serve individuals less fortunate than she. It is with great pleasure that we continue our partnership with Food Equality Initiative. FEI assists food insecure individuals with medically restricted diets such as Celiac disease and food allergies by providing nutritional food, education, and advocacy. With our grant and multi-year commitment we are helping FEI scale to a direct ship-to-client method here in CA within 2021.

Here at the Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Foundation we continue our long standing partnership with the San Francisco Giants and expanded to support the Junior Giants youth program. We partnered with Allergy Strong to provide educational materials that were used during the camp’s health week. Even though camp was virtual this summer, we were able to help spread awareness and education around the seriousness of food allergies to all their campers. We accomplished this through the combined collaboration with Allergy Strong and our PSA with EAT (End Allergies Together) titled “Spell-It-Out”. This reached over 12,000 youth. We know the importance of educating even one person around food allergies, let alone 12,000. We know this education helps to save LIVES.

We were thrilled to provide FARE a grant that could send up to 50 deserving youth to FARE’s Virtual Teal Summit this Oct. With this grant these vulnerable youth were provided with premium access to the summit. There they learned important strategies to cope with their food allergies and realized they are not alone with this battle.

With the help of our sponsors, we can continue to

# WHAT IS YOUR WHY?

## **Resources:**

PBS:

[www.kvie.org/programs/viewfinder/focusonhealth/](http://www.kvie.org/programs/viewfinder/focusonhealth/)

PSA:

<https://vimeo.com/351946685>

<https://www.kcra.com/article/memory-of-natalie-inspires-push-to-address-food-bank-concern/32473411#>

[www.foodequalityinitiative.org](http://www.foodequalityinitiative.org)

[www.allergstrong.com](http://www.allergstrong.com)

support our partners with our time and resources but we know in this fight of food allergies we must do more. At the Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Foundation we know policy provides daily impact for individuals and families with food allergies. We continue to work with our Assembly and Senate leaders here in CA to support smart, impactful policy change for our food allergy community. Stay tuned for more details.

## **Current Corner:**

How are you going to prepare for the return to school? Are you feeling overwhelmed by sending your child with food allergies to school, feeling insecure in the overall process and safety protocols? We are here to help.

We at the Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Foundation are very well versed in how to navigate the school systems, both K-12 and college. We can help with 504 plans and emergency action plans that you can implement with teachers, school administrators and school nurses. We know how important it is that both student and parents feel comfortable with the school system and need the piece of mind that they are being heard and valued.

It is our pleasure to help promote Dr. Kari Nadeau's book, "The End of Food Allergy". Dr. Nadeau has changed the lives for so many and was instrumental to the Giorgi family after losing Natalie. This book gives hope and promise to all those suffering with food allergies. It clearly lays out the fundamentals and research so families can work with their doctors one on one during their personal food allergy journey.

## **Consider making a pledge to our campaign:**

With the help of our supporters we continue to make positive change in Natalie's name for the food allergy community. The Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Foundation was established to help keep people safe from life threatening food allergies. This is being accomplished through several approaches—raising awareness, supporting educational programs, advocating for policy change, and helping to provide food allergy safe foods. Coming

January 2021 the Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Foundation will be a Public Charity with a 509(a)(2) status. Please remember us during times of giving and that we will be eligible for company match programs. Here at the Natalie Giorgi Sunshine Foundation we believe everyone should have equal access to staying safe, and will continue to work for the entire food allergy community.



