

**JUST VERY SHORT BUT ENCOURAGING NEWS FROM OUR RESEARCH. KATE MY HEAD STUDENT AND ERIN (MY SECOND YEAR STUDENT) WILL BEGIN EXPERIMENTS TO GENERATE DOPAMINE PRODUCING NEURONS FROM OUR IPS STEM CELLS VERY SOON. KATE WILL BE GRADUATING THIS MAY BUT IS COMMITTED TO SUCCEEDING IN THESE EXPERIMENTS BEFORE SHE LEAVES TO BEGIN HER PH.D. WORK. WE ARE NEARLY DONE PRODUCING HEART CELLS FROM THESE STEM CELLS AND OUR NEXT TARGET IS TO BEGIN GENERATING DOPAMINE PRODUCING NEURONS.**

**WE HAVE JUST STARTED GEARING UP TO START THESE COMPLEX AND TIME CONSUMING EXPERIMENTS BUT I WANTED TO LET YOU ALL KNOW THAT BECAUSE OF YOUR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS WE HAVE ENOUGH FUNDS TO BEGIN THESE EXPENSIVE EXPERIMENTS. I CAN ALSO SAY THAT OUR COLLABORATION WITH YOU AND DON AND MANY OTHER PD PATIENTS AND FAMILIES/FRIENDS MY STUDENTS AND I REMAIN FOCUSED ON THIS GOAL.**

