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Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Support, Inc.

21ST ANNUAL ARTHROGRYPOSIS MULTIPLEX CONGENITA SUPPORT CONFERENCE
COLUMBUS, OHIO
JULY 1-4, 2026

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AMCSI = Support For The AMC Community



Website Highlight

Ways to Give

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SUPPORT
amcsupport.org Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Support, Inc.

There are so many meaningful ways to make a difference for the AMC community! Whether you choose to donate once, give monthly, or start your own fundraiser, every gift helps AMCSI continue providing support, resources, and connections to families worldwide.

- **Your Gift Makes a Difference**
- **Join Our Monthly Giving Circle**
- **Company Match**
- **Be A Fundraiser for AMCSI**
- **Give in Tribute**
- **Leave a Legacy Gift**
- **IRA Charitable Rollovers**
- **Donation Partnership**

Learn More:
https://amcsupport.org/ways-to-give/



Become A Member
https://amcsupport.org/become-a-member/



AMCSUPPORT.ORG Website Directory

We would like to remind everyone about the valuable resources available on our website, including links to additional information that can support our AMC Community in their journey with Arthrogryposis. *(Please note that the links in this PDF are clickable.)*

MEMBERSHIP
Become A Member: https://amcsupport.org/become-a-member/
Membership Options
https://amcsupport.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/AMCSI24_Membership_Tiers.pdf

WHERE TO START
About Arthrogryposis: https://amcsupport.org/about-amc/
Find A Doctor: https://amcsupport.org/about-amc/
New Diagnosis: https://amcsupport.org/new-diagnosis/
Resources
AMC FAQs: https://amcsupport.org/frequently-asked-questions/
Arthrogryposis A Text Atlas: https://amcsupport.org/arthrogryposis-a-text-atlas/
The History of Arthrogryposis: https://amcsupport.org/history-facts/
Laws, Wills and Estate Plans: https://amcsupport.org/laws-wills-estate-plans/
Occupational Therapy Doctoral Capstone Project
https://amcsupport.org/occupational-therapy/
Words To Know: https://amcsupport.org/words-to-know/
Types Of Doctors: https://amcsupport.org/types-of-doctors/
Types Of Therapy: https://amcsupport.org/types-of-therapy/
Variations of AMC: https://amcsupport.org/variations-of-amc/#amyoplasia

FUNDRAISING
Ways To Help AMCSI: https://amcsupport.org/ways-to-help-amcsi/
AMC Holiday Fundl: https://amcsupport.org/amc-holiday-fund/
253 For AMC - Mountain Biking: https://amcsupport.org/253foramc/
The Prairie 253 for AMC:
https://amcsupport.org/the-prairie-253-for-amc-turning-miles-into-impact/
Past Fundraisers
Val's Bowl-A-Thon: https://amcsupport.org/vals-bowl-a-thon-2025/
Valerie Pepe's AMC Music Festival
https://amcsupport.org/valerie-pepes-amc-music-festival-2025/
253 MILES – 1 Mission (2024): https://amcsupport.org/253foramc/
253 MILES (2023): https://amcsupport.org/253-for-amc/
AMC & Me (2024): https://amcsupport.org/253-for-amc/
Valerie Pepe's AMC Music Festival (2023)
https://amcsupport.org/valerie-pepes-amc-music-festival/

AMC EVENTS
Upcoming Events: https://amcsupport.org/upcoming-events/
21st Annual AMCSI Conference: https://amcsupport.org/21st-annual-amcsi-conference/
AMC Awareness Day: https://amcsupport.org/amc-awareness-day/
Grateful Tuesday: https://amcsupport.org/grateful-tuesday/
22nd Annual AMCSI Conference: https://amcsupport.org/22nd-annual-amcsi-conference/
Mini Meetups: https://amcsupport.org/upcoming-events/#minimeetups
Past Events
20th Annual AMCSI Conference: https://amcsupport.org/20th-annual-amcsi-conference/
Misha's Long Road To AMC Awareness 2025
https://amcsupport.org/mishas-long-road-to-amc-awareness-2025/
4th International Symposium On Arthrogryposis
https://amcsupport.org/4th-international-symposium-on-arthrogryposis/
Ohio AMC Mini Meetup 2024: https://amcsupport.org/arthrogryposis-ohio-meetup-gallery/
Utah AMC Mini Meetup 2024: https://amcsupport.org/utah-amc-mini-meetup-2024/
19th Annual AMCSI Conference: https://amcsupport.org/19th-annual-amcsi-conference/
Greenville Mini Meetup Playground Shelter (2024)
https://amcsupport.org/greenville-sc-mini-meetup-playground-shelter-wrapup/
Past Events *(conitnued)*
Misha's Long Road To AMC Awareness
https://amcsupport.org/mishas-long-road-to-amc-awareness/
Nemours Children's Hospital Mini-Meetup
https://amcsupport.org/nemours-childrens-hospital-mini-meetup/
Shriner's Greenville Mini-Meetup (2023)
https://amcsupport.org/shriners-greenville-mini-meetups/

FIND SUPPORT
AMCers & AMC Related Websites: https://amcsupport.org/amc-websites/
Assistive Devices & Everyday Items: https://amcsupport.org/assistive-devices/
AMC FaceBook Group Pages: https://amcsupport.org/facebook-groups/
AMC Global Support: https://amcsupport.org/global-support-world-map/

AMC Literature & Films
Books: https://amcsupport.org/literature-and-films/#books
Brochures: https://amcsupport.org/literature-and-films/#brochures
Films & Videos: https://amcsupport.org/literature-and-films/#films

AMC Literature & Films *(continued)*
Medical Articles: https://amcsupport.org/medical-articles/
AMC Memorials: https://amcsupport.org/amc-memorials/
Research: https://amcsupport.org/research/

FINANCIAL AID GRANTS
Accessibility Grant: https://amcsupport.org/accessibility-grant/
AMC Holiday Grant: https://amcsupport.org/amc-holiday-fund/#holidaygrant
Bereavement Grant: https://amcsupport.org/bereavement-grant/
Medical Travel Grant; https://amcsupport.org/medical-travel-grant/
Mini Meetup Grant: https://amcsupport.org/mini-meetup-grant/
Research Grant: https://amcsupport.org/research-grant/

SCHOLARSHIPS
AMCSI Conference Scholarship: https://amcsupport.org/conference-scholarship/
Brayden Dame Conference Scholarship
https://amcsupport.org/brayden-dame-scholarship/
Georgia McLaughlin College Scholarship
https://amcsupport.org/georgia-mclaughlin-college-scholarship/

GET INVOLVED
Join Our Newsletter: https://amcsupport.org/join-our-newsletter/
This IS How I ... (series): https://amcsupport.org/this-is-how-i-series/
Together Tuesdays: https://amcsupport.org/together-tuesdays/
Volunteer: https://amcsupport.org/volunteer/
Zoom Sessions: https://amcsupport.org/zoom-sessions-zoom-registration/

ABOUT US
Contact Us: https://amcsupport.org/contact-us/
Meet The Team: https://amcsupport.org/meet-the-team/
NonProfit Documentation
Annual Report
https://amcsupport.org/board-of-directors-meetings-bylaws-financials/#annual
Board Of Directors Meetings
https://amcsupport.org/board-of-directors-meetings-bylaws-financials/
Brochures: https://amcsupport.org/literature-and-films/#brochures
Fundraising Disclosure Statement
https://amcsupport.org/board-of-directors-meetings-bylaws-financials/#fundstatement
Logo/Design Usage: https://amcsupport.org/logo-usage/
Press Release: https://amcsupport.org/press-release/
Our Mission & Vision: https://amcsupport.org/our-mission-vision/
Testimonials: https://amcsupport.org/testimonials/

AMCSI STORE
https://amcsupport.org/store/
My Account: https://amcsupport.org/my-account/
Product Categories
Baseball/Traucker Hats: https://amcsupport.org/product-category/hat/
Buttons: https://amcsupport.org/product-category/buttons/
Car Magnets: https://amcsupport.org/product-category/car-magnet/
Clothing: https://amcsupport.org/product-category/clothing/
Decals: https://amcsupport.org/product-category/decals/
Stickers: https://amcsupport.org/product-category/stickers/
Tervis: https://amcsupport.org/product-category/tervis/
Wristbands: https://amcsupport.org/product-category/wristbands/

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Long Road To AMC Awareness



The road trip of the year is BACK... & it's rolling across the USA! 🇺🇸💙

The Dream Walker Project is hitting the road again, The Long Road to AMC Awareness 2026, bringing our incredible AMC Community together from city to city on the journey to this year's conference!

From Michigan to Florida & everywhere in between, this unforgettable trip is all about connection, awareness, & showing the strength of & support for our AMC Community.

💙Support the journey! This incredible road trip is powered by YOU. Help fuel the miles, events, & outreach by donating or getting involved!



Follow their journey:

https://www.facebook.com/mishadreamwalker

Support: **https://www.gofundme.com/f/support-the-long-road-to-amc-awareness-2026**









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June 30th – AMC Awareness Day

June 30, 2005, was the day www.amcsupport.org was launched by our founder, Ani Samargian. This website was the seed for Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Support, Inc., becoming an official non-profit two years later.

Every year, on this day, we spread the word about arthrogryposis multiplex congenita (AMC) over all social media platforms. Join the movement and help us tell the world about AMC using our hashtags #blueforAMC & #AMCstrong! There are many great ways to get involved with AMCSI & celebrate on June 30th!

"Aerodynamically, the bumble bee shouldn't be able to fly, but the bumble bee doesn't know it so it goes on flying any way." – Mary Kay Ash



During the entire month of June, we are offering a Store Code: BLUEFORAMC for 10% OFF all store merchandise! AMCSI Shop: https://amcsupport.org/store/

The AMCSI Board of Directors selected the color blue as the official June 30th, Awareness Day color in 2010. In 2006, blue was selected as the website and message board theme.

AMC Awareness Day Proclamation FAQ

What is a proclamation?

A proclamation is a formal public statement. It is a major statement made in front of an audience or the authoritative word on some subject. It's most often used in an official or government context. Proclamations can be created at the local, state, and federal level.

Thank you Marie and Ewa for securing 2025 proclomations for TX and New Castle!

Learn more:
https://amcsupport.org/amc-awareness-day/


THE STATE OF TEXAS
GOVERNOR
Arthrogryposis Awareness Day
June 30, 2025
Greg Abbott
Governor of Texas


PROCLAMATION
Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day in New Castle County
WHEREAS, Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) is a rare, congenital condition affecting newborn characterized by joint contractures and muscle weakness; and
WHEREAS, AMC affects individuals worldwide, including 1 in 3,000 births, leading to physical challenges that impact daily life; and
WHEREAS, increased awareness and support can improve the lives of those living with AMC and their families; and
WHEREAS, June 30, 2025, is designated to raise awareness and foster understanding about the condition; and
WHEREAS, New Castle County stands committed to promoting inclusivity, education, and support for those affected by AMC; and
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Marcus Henry, County Executive of New Castle County, by virtue of the authority vested in me, do hereby proclaim June 30, 2025, as **Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita Awareness Day** in New Castle County, encouraging all citizens to recognize the importance of awareness and compassion for those affected by AMC.
Marcus Henry
New Castle County Executive

Puerto Rico has officially joined Kentucky and Utah in recognizing Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) through legislation establishing an AMC Awareness Day.

This is meaningful progress, & it shows how awareness can grow when people speak up & stay engaged.

Full article:
https://www.sanjuandailystar.com/post/governor-signs-5-bills-issues-6-vetoes-citing-fiscal-concerns

If AMC Awareness Day is not yet recognized in your state, this is a great time to reach out to your local legislators & share why it matters. A simple message, a conversation, or a request for a proclamation can help open the door.

Change like this often starts locally, one voice at a time.

DIGITAL INFOGRAPHIC PACKET FOR CLASSROOMS

All About AMC: Learning Together!



All ABOUT AMC: Learning Together is a fun and easy-to-read information packet designed especially for children, families, and classmates who want to better understand Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC). Inside, you'll find simple explanations, illustrations, and interactive pages that answer common questions like what AMC is, how to say it, and what it looks like in everyday life. You'll also discover the unique strengths and possibilities of kids with AMC, plus a page to personalize with your own story. This packet is all about learning together and celebrating what makes each AMCer unique.

Learn More:

English Version:
https://amcsupport.org/amcsi_all-about-amc-learning-together/

Spanish Version:
https://amcsupport.org/amcsi_all-about-amc-learning-together-spanish/

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ARTHROGRYPOSIS NEW PARENT INFORMATION PACKET



A welcome packet for families during pregnancy and early infancy for a child with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita

We're excited to share this updated pamphlet created especially for new parents of a child diagnosed with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC). In collaboration with Take Time for AMC, we've packed it with helpful information—from understanding AMC basics, to navigating pregnancy questions, to caring for a newborn with AMC.

Please help us spread knowledge and support by sharing this resource with local hospitals, NICUs, orthopedic teams, therapists, and anyone who might benefit from the experience and strength of our AMC community.

Right click the link below to view/download, and share the full pamphlet!

https://amcsupport.org/newparent

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Your monthly gift helps:
• Send resource packets to newly diagnosed families
• Fund adaptive sports and inclusive activities for kids
• Support scholarships, grants, and conference attendance
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Are You A Member?

By becoming a member of AMCSI, you are helping us:
Provide Brochures in English, French and Spanish to our AMC Community as well as medical professionals, hospitals, NICUs, OB's, and therapy facilities worldwide.

- Provide an up-to-date website with current information and resources to help assist our families in the latest interventions for AMC.
- Pave the way in international waters by attending or hosting meetings and conferences. We will also provide our international families support, information and knowledge through social media, our website, translated brochures and informational packets.
- Provide tools to help our AMC families to promote AMC Awareness Day on June 30th.
- Provide grant opportunities for our AMC community:

– AMC Mini Meetups, Events and Annual Conference
– Bereavement Fund (Financial Assistance to any family who has lost a loved one diagnosed with arthrogryposis multiplex congenita)
– Research Fund (Financial Assistance to our Medical Community with a special interest in researching arthrogryposis multiplex congenita)
– College Scholarship (Financial Assistance for Graduating HS Seniors)
– Medical Travel Grant (travel & lodging for AMC related surgery)
– Conference Grant (A limited number of grants to attend our annual conference may be available)
– Accessibility Grant

AMCSI's annual membership is valid for one year from the time of purchase. Auto-renew is optional if selected at checkout. Please note that auto-renewal will be deactivated upon request or at the discretion of the AMCSI Board of Directors. Membership must be active before applying to any grant. Membership levels, as defined by AMCSI Bylaws., are approved by the AMCSI Board of Directors.

Become A Member
https://amcsupport.org/become-a-member/







Testimonials *(https://amcsupport.org/testimonials/)*

"Attending our first AMCSI Conference was an unforgettable experience for both of us. For the first time, Norē was surrounded by peers who truly understood his journey. For the first time, Norien was in his element, surrounded by peers and role models who share his path. We laughed, cried, learned, and felt deeply seen.

Norē LOVED PROM NIGHT! They played his jam and he immediately wanted to come out if his chair to break dance on the floor! Seeing everybody cheer him on and him grabbing the mic to get everybody to sing AMC-123 instead of ABC 123 like the song goes melted my Mama heart.

The sessions gave me valuable knowledge and the chance to connect with other parents walking a similar path. We called this trip "The Sonshine Voyage," and it was empowering in every way.

Thank you to AMCSI, Ani, the Durst Family, and the entire AMC community for making us feel at home. This was more than a trip. It was the beginning of something beautiful." ***~ Norē's Mom***

General Registration Is Open!



21st Annual AMCSI Conference
Columbus, Ohio • July 1 to July 4, 2026

Registration to the AMCSI Conference has become a tradition many describe as meaningful, empowering, and truly unforgettable.

🎁 **Why register now**
- Hotel block closes June 5th, so register and book your hotel bby June 4th *(hotel booking link will be in your registration confirmation email)*
- Give a gift that can make a meaningful difference for someone you love
- Create memories that last long after the holiday season
- Start planning for an event that brings families, professionals, and friends together in a powerful way

📝 **Before you register**
Make sure to check your AMCSI membership status so you can take full advantage of discounted pricing. Then register today and secure your place at next year's conference.

✨ **Give the gift of an experience that truly matters.**
✨ **Register early.**
✨ **Join us in Columbus.**

Register today:
https://amcsupport.org/21st-annual-amcsi-conference/



🐝✨ BEE A STAR PROM ✨⭐

This year's prom theme is Bees & Stars, & we cannot wait to celebrate with you. Enjoy an evening of music, dancing, & a fun time to celebrate & shine!

👗 What to wear (Come as you are or lean into the theme)

- Gold, black, and honey-inspired looks
- Celestial sparkle, stars, shimmer, and glow
- Creative bee & constellation details
- Family-friendly attire required

📍 Location: Columbus Host Hotel
📅 July 1 to July 4, 2026
👥 Open to all registered conference attendees

- Conference badge required for entry
- Alcohol-free event

Learn more & register today:
https://amcsupport.org/prom-bees-stars/

Conference Keynote Speaker – Todd Craighead

The following medical professionals have agreed to becoming guest speakers at our 21st Annual AMCSI Conference in Columbus, Ohio, July 1-4, 2026. *(Appearances are subject to change.)*



We are honored to welcome our 2026 Keynote Speaker, Todd Craighead, at the 21st Annual AMCSI Conference in Columbus, Ohio, taking place July 1 – 4, 2026. 🎤💙

Born and raised in Stillwater, Oklahoma, Todd holds degrees in Wildlife Conservation & Communications from Oklahoma State University. His career has included working as a nature instructor at a children's camp on the shore of Lake Superior, serving as a ranger with the U.S. Forest Service in Colorado & spending 30 years with the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation as producer & host of the award-winning television show Outdoor Oklahoma.

He now lives out his childhood dream as a Ranger in Yellowstone National Park. His passions include hunting, camping, rock crawling in his 1980 Jeep CJ7 & his daughter Emily.

We are grateful to have him join us as we gather to learn, connect & continue strengthening the future of AMC Awareness, Inclusion & Community Support.

💙Help spread the word. Share this newsletter!

See you in Columbus!💙💙

Conference Schedule *(subject to change)*

For the most current schedule, please visit: **https://amcsupport.org/21st-schedule/**

FULL SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

2:30 PM - 3:30 PM | Volunteers Meetup ..... Easton Foyer
4:00 PM - 6:45 PM | Registration & Tshirt Pickup | AMC Store | Vendors | Auction ..... Easton Foyer
7:30 PM - 8:15 PM | First-Time Attendees Welcome ..... Easton C, D, E
8:15 PM - 9:00 PM | Preteen/Teen Meetup ..... Hotel Foyer
7:30 PM - 10:00 PM | Informal Social Time For All Attendees Hotel ..... Hotel Lobby/Bar(*Food & drink on your own)*

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

8:00 AM - 6:00 PM | Registration/Tshirt Pickup | Silent Auction | AMC Store | Vendors ..... Easton Foyer *(Silent Auction - Regent 3)*
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Opening Ceremony - Keynote Speaker: Todd Craighead ..... Easton A & B
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM | Dr. Philip F. Giampietro ..... Easton A
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM | Adaptive Sports - Kimberly Kolstad ..... Easton B
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM | Teen Girls With AMC ..... Easton C
11:15 AM - 12:00 PM | Teen Boys With AMC ..... Easton D
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Board Of Directors
12:00 AM - 2:00 PM | Lunch ..... *(On your own)*
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Dr. Lauren Hyer ..... Easton A
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Driver Rehabilitation Center For Excellence ..... Easton B
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Preteen Girls With AMC ..... Easton C
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Dads ..... Easton D
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | Dr. Lisa V. Wagner ..... Easton A
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | Dr. Harold J. P. Van Bosse ..... Easton B
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | Moms Of AMCers (10 Under) ..... Easton C
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | Adults With AMC Co-Ed ..... Easton D
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM | Dr. Kaveh Asadi-Moghaddam ..... Easton A
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM | Dr. Fran Guardo ..... Easton B
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM | Moms Of AMCers (Ages 11-17) ..... Easton C
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM | Preteen Boys With AMC ..... Easton D
6:45 PM - 8:00 PM | Dinner ..... Easton A-E

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM | Registration/Tshirt Pickup | Silent Auction | AMC Store ..... Easton Foyer *(Silent Auction - Regent 3)*
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Dr. David Feldman ..... Easton A
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Mr. Bong Delrosario ..... Easton B
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Men With AMC ..... Easton C
9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Women With AMC ..... Easton D
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Dr. Noémi Dahan-Oliel's Team - Ms. Liezel & Ms. Sarah ..... Easton A
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Ms. Jan Shea & Mr.Jake Ehlers ..... Easton B
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Men With AMC (Continued) ..... Easton C
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Women With AMC (Continued) ..... Easton D
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | Dr. Maureen Donohoe ..... Easton A
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | Dr. Matthew Dobbs ..... Easton B
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | Adults With AMC Dating ..... Easton C
11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | Grandparents Of AMCers ..... Easton D
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM | Board Of Directors

Conference Schedule *(subject to change) continue ...*

For the most current schedule, please visit: **https://amcsupport.org/21st-schedule/**

FULL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026 *(continue)*

12:00 PM - 2:00 PM | Lunch ..... (On your own)
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Julie Melton ..... Easton A
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Dr. Reid Nichols ..... Easton B
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Moms Of Kids With Multiple Disabilities ..... Easton C
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Young Adults With AMC (Ages 18-30) ..... Easton D
3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | Misha Walker ..... Easton A & B
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Adults With AMC Dating ..... Easton C
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM | AMCSI Prom
9:00 PM - 11:00 PM | Set Up For Painting With Theresa ..... Regency 1 & 2

SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | AMC Shop ..... Easton Foyer
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Silent Auction ..... Regency 3 *(All bidding ends at Noon)*
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | AMCSI Group Photo ..... Easton A-E
11:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Painting With Theresa ..... Regency 1 & 2
12:00 PM - 12:30 PM | AMCSI Board Of Directors Meeting
12:35 PM - 1:00 PM | Closing Ceremony ..... Easton A & B

PRE-TEEN & TEEN GROUP ACTIVITIES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026

7:30 PM - 8:15 PM - First Time Attendees Welcome ..... Easton C, D, & E
8:15 PM - 9:00 PM - Pre Teen/Teen Meetup ..... Hotel Foyer

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

11:15 AM - 12:00 PM - Teen Girls ..... Easton C
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM - Pre Teen Girls ..... Easton C
5:00 PM - 6:00 PM - Teen Pool Social ..... Hotel Pool

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM - Ice Cream With Pre Teens ..... Meet in Lobby *(Will be at Graeter's Ice Cream)*

CHILDREN'S SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 2, 2026

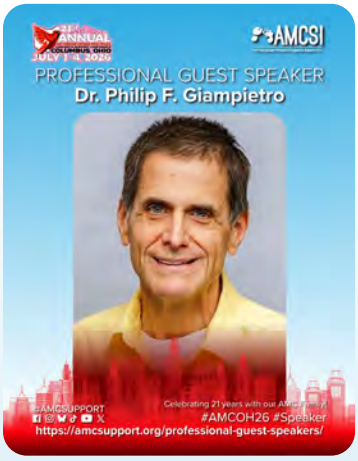
2:00 PM | Make-It Take It Part 1 ..... Regent 1 & 2
3:00 PM | Make-It Take It Part 2 ..... Regent 1 & 2

FRIDAY, JULY 3, 2026

9:00 AM | Story Time With Tammy ..... Regent 1 & 2
10:00 AM | Escape Room! ..... Regent 1 & 2
11:00 AM | Music Therapy With Julie ..... Regent 1 & 2
2:00 AM - 4:00 PM | Game Time With Your Favorite Doctors And Therapists ..... Regent 1 & 2

Professional Guest Speakers

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Thursday, July 2nd: 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM | Dr. Philip F. Giampietro

What Is A Genetic Evaluation And How Will It Benefit My Child?

In this session we will review the nuts and bolts of a genetic evaluation in the context of arthrogryposis multiplex congenita. We will discuss the components of a genetic evaluation including what historical and physical examination findings are important. The different types of genetic testing utilized in clinical practice and types of results which are expected along with limitations of testing will be highlighted. We will discuss categories of genes found to be associated with AMC. The process of genetic counseling will also be discussed.



Thursday, July 2nd: 11:15 AM - 12:00 PM | Adaptive Sports - Kimberly Kolstad

Different Gear, Same Soul: Maintaining Identity Through The "Off-Season."

What happens when the thing that defines you is suddenly taken away? This powerful session dives into the identity crisis that follows injury, illness, or life disruption, and the often-unspoken grief of losing not just an activity, but a sense of self. Blending raw personal experience with clinical insight, we will challenge the idea that we are what we do, and instead reframe identity as something deeper, more resilient, and adaptable. Through adaptive sport and community connection, attendees will explore how to stay grounded in who they are, even when everything familiar shifts. Because identity doesn't have an off-season, it evolves.



Thursday, July 2nd: 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Dr. Lauren Hyer

Foot Conditions In Arthrogryposis.

During this session Dr. Hyer will be discussing foot conditions in arthrogryposis. From clubfoot to congenital vertical talus, and everything in between, we will walk through what treatment looks like from infancy to adulthood.



Thursday, July 2nd: 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Driver Rehabilitation Center For Excellence

Driving Rehab Solutions – Featuring Cases Where Amc Was The Primary Diagnosis.

This session explores how individuals with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita (AMC) can achieve independence with driving through working with a Certified Driver Rehabilitation Specialist. Planning can often begin early, and we will explain the comprehensive driving evaluation. Attendees will see a variety of case studies showcasing customized vehicle modifications. Attendees will gain insight into the full spectrum of adaptive driving solutions, ranging from low-tech to advanced high-tech steering and braking systems.

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Thursday, July 2nd: 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | Dr. Lisa V. Wagner

Adventures In Autonomy

We all strive for autonomy and independence, but what does this look like in our real day-to-day lives? For AMC, independence has multiple layers. In this session, we will consider the balance of self-awareness, adaptive equipment, social considerations and more in our quest to be independent people living in an ever more connected world. Come ready to share and discuss your quest for autonomy.



Thursday, July 2nd: 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | Dr. Harold J. P. Van Bosse

A Discussion Designed To Provide A Structure To Understand Arthrogryposis

Arthrogryposis multiplex congenita is a term to describe a spectrum of disorders that all have in common babies born with multiple joint contractures. This talk is an overview, designed to provide a structure to understand arthrogryposis, the conditions that cause it, and the differences between diagnoses. There will be special focus on treatment of foot deformities (clubfoot and congenital vertical talus), hip deformities (contractures and congenitally dislocated hips), and knee contractures (both flexion and extension). Scoliosis will also be discussed, with an emphasis on different forms of treatment.



Thursday, July 2nd: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM | Dr. Kaveh Asadi-Moghaddam

A Tethered Cord Spinal Cord:

A tethered cord spinal cord can contribute to weakness, imbalance, pain, and progressive deformity. When the spinal cord is under chronic tension, orthopedic correction alone may not lead to durable functional improvement. This session will highlight when to suspect a tethered cord and why a spine MRI evaluation is important in patients with AMC.



Thursday, July 2nd: 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM | Dr. Fran Guardo

Early Intervention And Beyond

In this session, participants will learn about the variety of options available for infants and the subsequent interventions recommended as children age. We will discuss surgical options and the rehabilitation techniques employed to unlock and restore motion in various situations.

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Friday, July 3rd: 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Dr. David Feldman

To Help Patients, Parents And Care Givers To Have The Information To Make Informed Decisions About Making A Thoughtful Life Plan For An Individual With Arthrogryposis

The purpose of my talk is to help patients, parents and care givers to have the information to make informed decisions about making a thoughtful life plan for an individual with arthrogryposis. I will be discussing how to create reasonable goals and expectations when dealing with arthrogryposis. What is available, surgically and non-surgically, to aid function? What is the sacrifice? How can we achieve stronger muscles with more joint motion to achieve the outcomes we deem possible? At what age will we create these goals? Do we have to choose between standing and sitting? Would stem cells help?



Friday, July 3rd: 9:00 AM - 9:45 AM | Mr. Bong Delrosario

Beyond Labels:

This presentation offers an insightful look into my life journey, beginning in the third grade. I will highlight three different documentaries filmed at pivotal stages: one in elementary school, one spanning middle and high school, and a final one produced 29 years after the first. Alongside these films, I will share the personal trials and tribulations I have experienced throughout my life as a person with AMC.





Friday, July 3rd: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Dr. Noémi Dahan-Oliel's Team - Ms. Liezel & Ms. Sarah

From Collaboration To Impact: Developing E-Learning For Rare Neuromuscular Diseases

Rare neuromuscular diseases present unique challenges for education and knowledge sharing among healthcare professionals, patients, families, and community partners. This presentation will highlight the importance and opportunity of co-developing meaningful educational resources through collaborative partnerships that include clinicians, researchers, patient advocates, and individuals with lived experience. We will describe the development process of an e-learning program for arthrogryposis, designed to improve access to reliable, practical, and patient-centered information. We will discuss key steps in the creation of the modules, including needs assessment, stakeholder engagement, content co-design, and adaptation for diverse audiences. Finally, we will explore the impact and broader implications of collaborative e-learning initiatives in rare diseases, including increased accessibility to knowledge, empowerment of patients and families, and opportunities to strengthen interdisciplinary care and international collaboration.

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Friday, July 3rd: 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM | Ms. Jan Shea & Mr. Jake Gates-Ehlers

Let's talk about college and education pathways after high school.

Be it a 2 or 4-year college, technical schools, or workforce programs – there are lots of choices and it can feel like a lot. Join Jake Gates-Ehlers and Jan Shea to learn about that transition out of high school. This informal presentation will go over some of those key differences between high school and college, discuss college accomodations, and create space to brainstorm that college search process. We want to help answer questions or give some tips about navigating some of those systems.





Friday, July 3rd: 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | Dr. Maureen Donohoe

The Top 10: Things A PT Might Share That May Surprise You

This session will address key aspects across the early years and into adulthood as it relates to therapy and function.



11:00 AM - 11:45 AM | Dr. Matthew Dobbs

Atypical Clubfoot And Foot Deformities In Arthrogryposis

Arthrogryposis is associated with various foot deformities requiring specialized treatment expertise. In this session, I will discuss clubfoot subsets and their treatment. We will discuss other foot conditions such as vertical talus and progressive foot deformities associated with Arthrogryposis.

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Friday, July 3rd: 2:00 PM - 2:45 PM | Dr. Reid Nichols

Focused On The Arthrogrypotic Hip

This session focused on the arthrogrypotic hip, reviewing the unique anatomical and functional challenges associated with hip involvement in arthrogryposis. Discussion included clinical assessment of hip motion, stability, gait, pelvic alignment, and the impact of associated contractures on overall mobility and function. Relevant anatomy was reviewed, including soft tissue contractures, muscle imbalance, acetabular development, and the presence of unilateral or bilateral hip dislocation commonly seen in these patients. Treatment options were explored based on patient age, functional goals, and severity of deformity, ranging from conservative management and physical therapy to surgical interventions such as soft tissue releases, osteotomies, and hip reduction procedures. Emphasis was placed on individualized decision-making and balancing hip stability with preservation of mobility and functional independence.

Friday, July 3rd: 3:00 PM - 3:45 PM | Misha Walker

The Power Of Authenticity

At a world that often pressures disabled people to shrink, soften, or perform acceptability, authenticity can become an act of freedom. In this talk, AMCSI ambassador and Dream Walker Project founder Misha Walker shares how embracing her full, unapologetic self transformed not only her confidence, but the way she moves through the world. Through personal stories, vulnerability, humor, and hard-earned perspective, this session explores the power of showing up truthfully in a body that society constantly tries to define for you. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of how authenticity can create connection, self-worth, visibility, and unexpected opportunities. More than anything, this talk is an invitation to stop hiding and start living fully as exactly who you are.



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Whitney, RMZ Creations - Exhibitor!

From handmade goods to heartfelt creativity, RMZ Creations is joining our Exhibitor family 🎉

🎉Make sure to stop by their table to check out their beautiful handmade crafts (& maybe take a few treasures home!).

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https://www.instagram.com/rmzcreationsky/

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Conference Exhibitors



Partners In Medicine - Exhibitor!

👉Learn more about Partners In Medicine:
https://partnersinmed.com

PIM is on a mission to make upper-limb mobility devices the standard of care in the United States, providing elite-level assistive technologies & unmatched support for those seeking greater independence & function.

Learn more at:
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Project Lightning Bug - Exhibitor!

🎨Be sure to stop by their table to explore their handcrafted items and take home something special.

👉Learn more about Partners In Medicine:
https://www.facebook.com/projectlightningbug

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Shriners Children's - Exhibitor!

Shriners Children's has been providing hope and healing to children for more than 100 years. Their doctors and care teams are known for their commitment to excellence in pediatric care, and we're grateful to have them supporting our community.

Learn more about Shriners Children's:
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Conference Exhibitors



Alora Grove - Exhibitor!

Marty Sheedy created the Alora Grove Healing Pain Relief Salve to address his chronic pain from Arthrogryposis & Prune Belly Syndrome.

Be sure to stop by their table to explore their handmade salves.

Learn more about Alora Grove: **https://aloragrove.com**

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Valerie Pepe - Exhibitor!

Valerie Pepe was born with Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita & after writing two books for grown-ups & meeting so many parents & children at AMC conferences, she decided to write a third book of true stories based on her life just for children.

Be sure to stop by Val's table to explore her books!

Learn more at:
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We're pleased to welcome **Theresa Lucas** as an Exhibito!

Theresa is an artist who helped form AMCSI with Ani back in 2006! Every year at the conference, she celebrates this with a 'Painting with Theresa' session on the last day of the conference.

Be sure to stop by Theresa's table to explore her artistic talents.

Learn more about Theresa's art:
https://www.theresalucas.com

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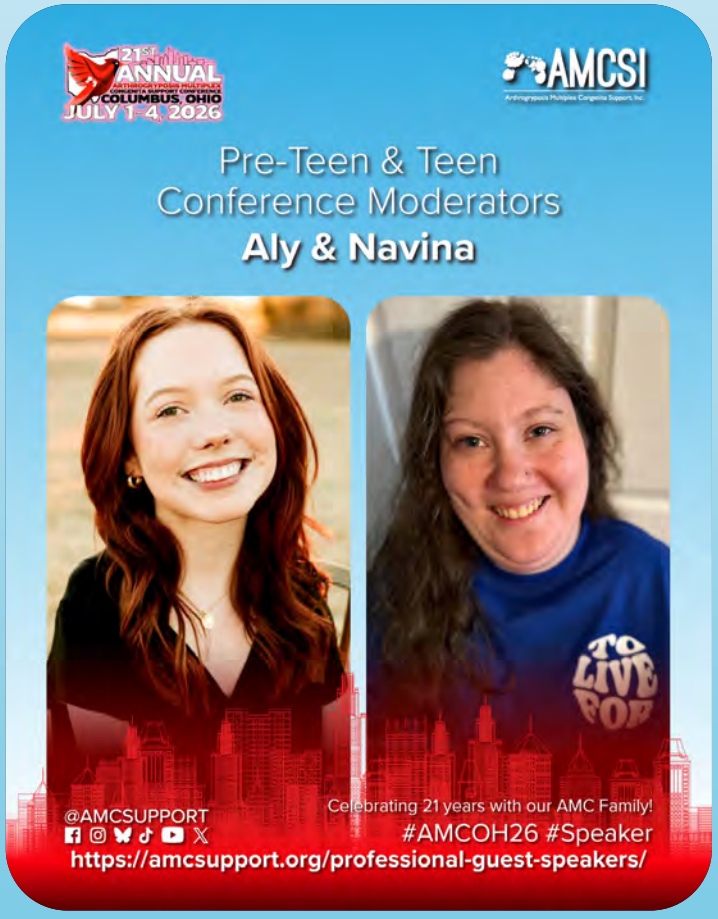


🎶 Jam with Julie in Columbus! 💙

Board Certified Music Therapist Julie Melton, based in Charlotte, NC, brings experience across hospital, school, & community settings. A 2023 Queens University of Charlotte graduate, she sings and plays guitar, ukulele, & piano, & is passionate about inclusive, accessible spaces for all abilities.💙

Musicians of all levels are invited to join the jam at the 21st Annual AMCSI Conference.💙

🐝 bee 💙 sure to secure your spot!
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Pre-Teen & Teen Conference Moderators

We're excited to have Aly & Navina as the official Pre-Teen & Teen Moderators!

Aly is passionate about disability awareness, acceptance, and accessibility for all. Aly volunteers at Scottish Rite Hospital with kids of various upper-limb differences & she is pursuing a degree in Speech-Language Pathology.

Navina has participated in multiple adaptive/disability programs, including adaptive skiing/snowboarding, & has served as an ambassador for Easterseals.

Meet them in person this July in Columbus, OH!

Learn more about them at:
https://amcsupport.org/professional-guest-speakers/#teen

21st Annual AMCSI Conference

🎉 First Time Coming To The Amcsi Conference?

Come hang out with us on Zoom!

Join Aly & Navina for a casual meetup just for first-time attendees of the 21st Annual AMCSI Conference.

It's a great chance to meet other families, ask questions, & get more comfortable before conference week begins 💙

📍 First Time Attendee Zoom Hangout
📅 Saturday, June 13
🕑 2:00 PM EST



🔗 Join here:
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85244497526?pwd=MC0YbTZqLbfrGqPRwiP9ii89qabkeN.1
Meeting ID: 852 4449 7526 | Passcode: 310032



🚨 Volunteers Needed 🚨

We're a little short on volunteers this year and could really use some extra help at conference.

If you've been thinking about getting involved, this is a great time to jump in. Help the Loons keep things running smoothly 🐟💙

We're looking for volunteers who are friendly, reliable, and ready to help out.

Requirements:
- Must be registered for conference
- Ages 16+
- Younger volunteers are welcome with an adult
- Volunteer training is Wednesday, July 1 at 2:30 PM EST

Volunteer perks:
- Special volunteer lanyard
- Early registration access
- And a few extra goodies 👀

Sign up here (Desktop works best for sign-up):
https://bit.ly/AMCOH26-Volunteer

Questions? Email **volunteer.amcsi@gmail.com**

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🚨 Silent Auction Alert! Let's Get the Bidding Started 🚨

Pre-registered auction items make a huge impact, & they help us open bidding the moment the AMCSI Conference begins. Easy, fast, impactful.

👉 Pre-register your donation here:
https://forms.gle/zyE1XVLWaHhD3x6w8

👉 Learn more about the Silent Auction:
https://amcsupport.org/21st-annual-amcsi-conference/#silent

How it works:
• Coming to the conference? Register your item, then bring it with you.
• Can't attend? Email us at info@amcsupport.org and we'll send you the mailing address.

Need ideas? We've got you:
🎁 State-themed gift baskets with local favorites
🎁✈️ Airline miles or round-trip tickets
✈️🧸 Small business goodies like candles, sauces, jams
🎬 Movie theater tickets or gift cards
🔧 Tools or gear from brands like Milwaukee or Snap-On

Every item helps fuel programs, resources, and connections across the AMC community.

Got Questions, We've Got Answers!

Whether you are wondering about registration, hotel details, memberships, family attendance, or conference policies, our FAQ page covers the most common questions to help you plan your trip with confidence.

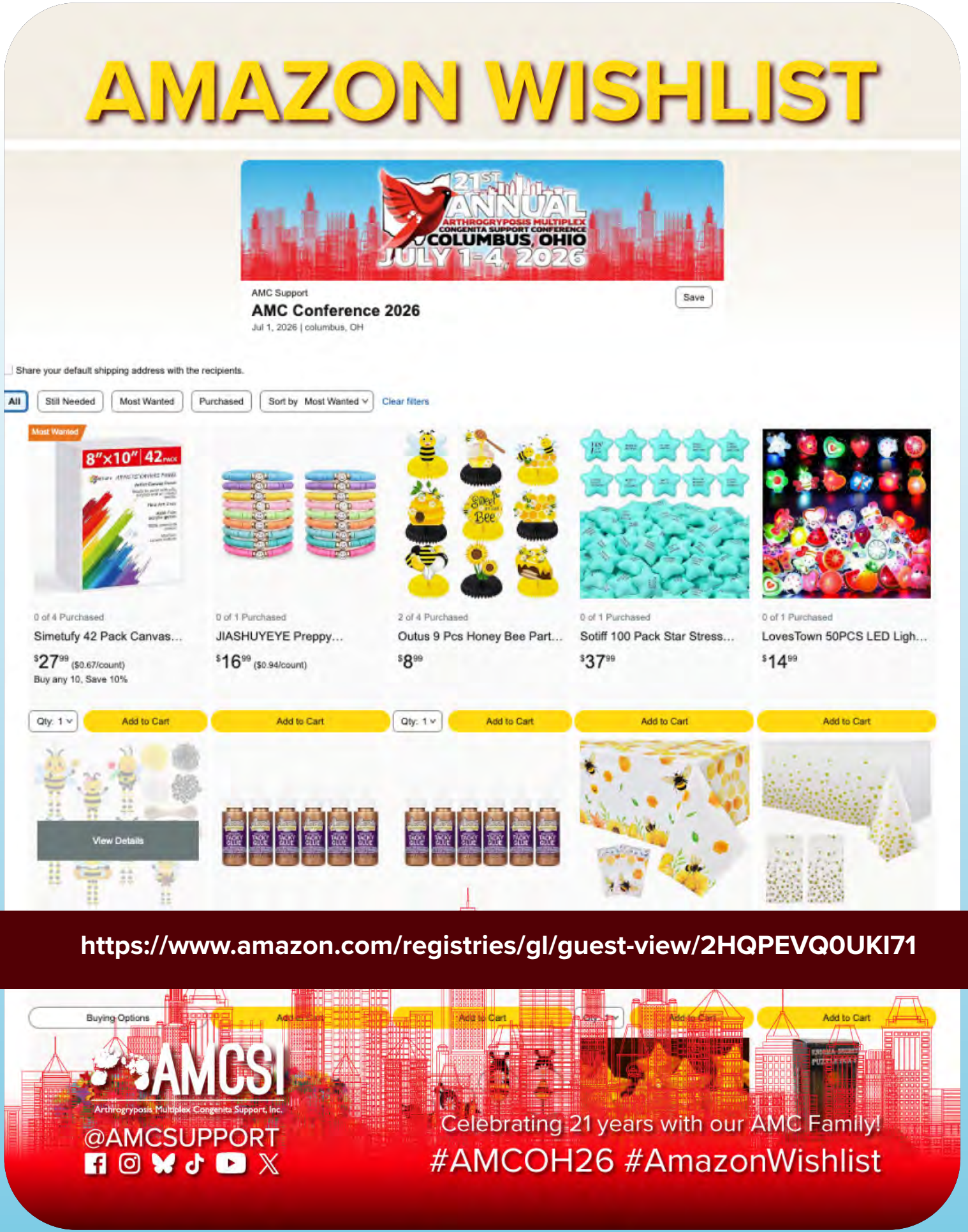
The conference takes place at the Hilton Columbus at Easton, and the FAQ page walks you through everything from how to register to how to book your hotel room & what to expect during the event.
If you are attending for the first time or just need clarification about something, take a moment to check the FAQs before reaching out.

It is the quickest way to get the information you need and stay focused on preparing for an incredible week with the AMC community.

Learn more at:
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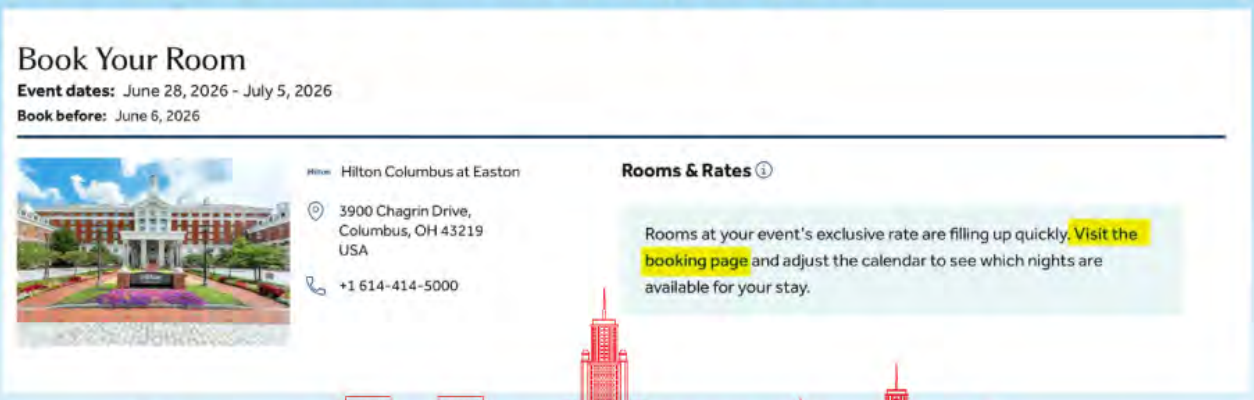
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JULY 1-4, 2026

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Quick steps:

1. **Register here:**
   https://amcsupport.org/21st-annual-amcsi-conference/
2. **Check your email for the hotel link**
   (Be sure to check your junk/spam folder too, just in case.)
3. **Open the link + look for "Rooms & Rates"**
   (it's the light blue section & the link to book is blue, that's why we highlighted it in the image)
4. **Book your room before they're gone!**



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In addition to making a meaningful impact, sponsors receive:

- ✔ Recognition across AMCSI Conference posts and emails
- ✔ Exposure to 21,200+ social media followers
- ✔ Logo placement on all conference web pages
- ✔ Acknowledgment in AMCSI's monthly newsletter
- ✔ One 6-ft draped & skirted exhibitor table with two chairs on-site
- ✔ Visibility at Exhibitor Registration & T-shirt Pickup counters
- ✔ Feature in the Conference Program (digital & printed)
- ✔ Exposure to up to 600 AMC families attending the conference

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"Attending the AMC Conference for the first time was an amazing experience filled with laughter, friendship, and emotion. It introduced me to a community of diverse people who come together to celebrate, reflect, and embrace AMC. Receiving the first-time scholarship helped remove the barriers of travel and gave me the chance to connect, learn, and feel deeply grateful for the strength of our community." **– Alessia Divirgilio**

Perks of Exhibiting:

- ✔ Prime exhibition space
- ✔ Connect with up to 600 AMC families
- ✔ Feature on social media (21.2k+ followers), website & newsletter
- ✔ 6-ft draped table + 2 chairs on-site
- ✔ Included in Conference Program

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"Attending the AMC Conference reminded me that I'm not alone. It was a powerful 'been there, done that' moment seeing so many people living full, independent lives gave me hope that I can and will live a long, successful, healthy life." **– Shameia Rosier**

Why advertise?

- ✔ Prime positioning inside or on the back cover (first-come, first-served!)
- ✔ Exposure to a dedicated, engaged audience
- ✔ Direct access to AMC families
- ✔ Program ad posts shared with 21.2K+ social media followers
- ✔ Featured in AMCSI's monthly newsletter

https://amcsupport.org/21st-annual-amcsi-conference-program/

Other AMC/AMCSI News



Zoom Monthly Preteen & Teen Hangouts

Moderated by Aly & Navina

Aly has arthrogryposis in all limbs and she discovered AMCSI in 2022. She attended her first conference in Orlando, Florida that same year and her life has not been the same since. She's passionate about disability awareness, acceptance, and accessibility for all. Aly volunteers at Scottish Rite Hospital with kids of various upper limb differences and she is pursuing a degree in Speech Language Pathology. She loves all things coffee, art, the outdoors, cooking, and books!



Navina has Arthrogryposis Multiplex Congenita with all limbs, spine, and airway affected, she was also diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes at the age of 11. She has had minimal surgeries but vigorous therapy which helped her to gain the range motion and the passive range that she has. She's lived in Maine, Minnesota, and now Florida. She has participated in multiple adaptive/disability programs including adaptive skiing/snowboarding, being an ambassador for Easterseals, going to an adaptive gym, etc... She was homeschooled and took interest in arts, computer skills, library volunteering and reading. She greatly enjoys co-leading a Bible Study she started for others affected by AMC. She loves to travel to other countries with her family and to see how others live and all the beauty this world has to offer. She rarely passes up coffee, and enjoys spending time with her friends and family. She has loved coming to the annual conference since she was young and growing up with the community and being inspired each year by the people in it. She is looking forward to getting to inspire others herself.



AMC Preteen Zoom

Hey Preteen Girls, come join us for a fun hangout, chat, and connect with friends your age!

- For: Girls ages 9–12
- Moderated by Aly & Navina
- Monthly



AMC Teen Zoom

Hey Teens in the AMC community, come hang out, chat, and connect with friends who get it!

- For: Girl & Boy Teens ONLY
- Moderated by Aly & Navina
- Monthly



AMC Young Adults Zoom

Young Adults in the AMC community, come hang out, chat & connect with friends who get it!

- For: Young Adults
- Moderated by Aly & Navina
- Monthly

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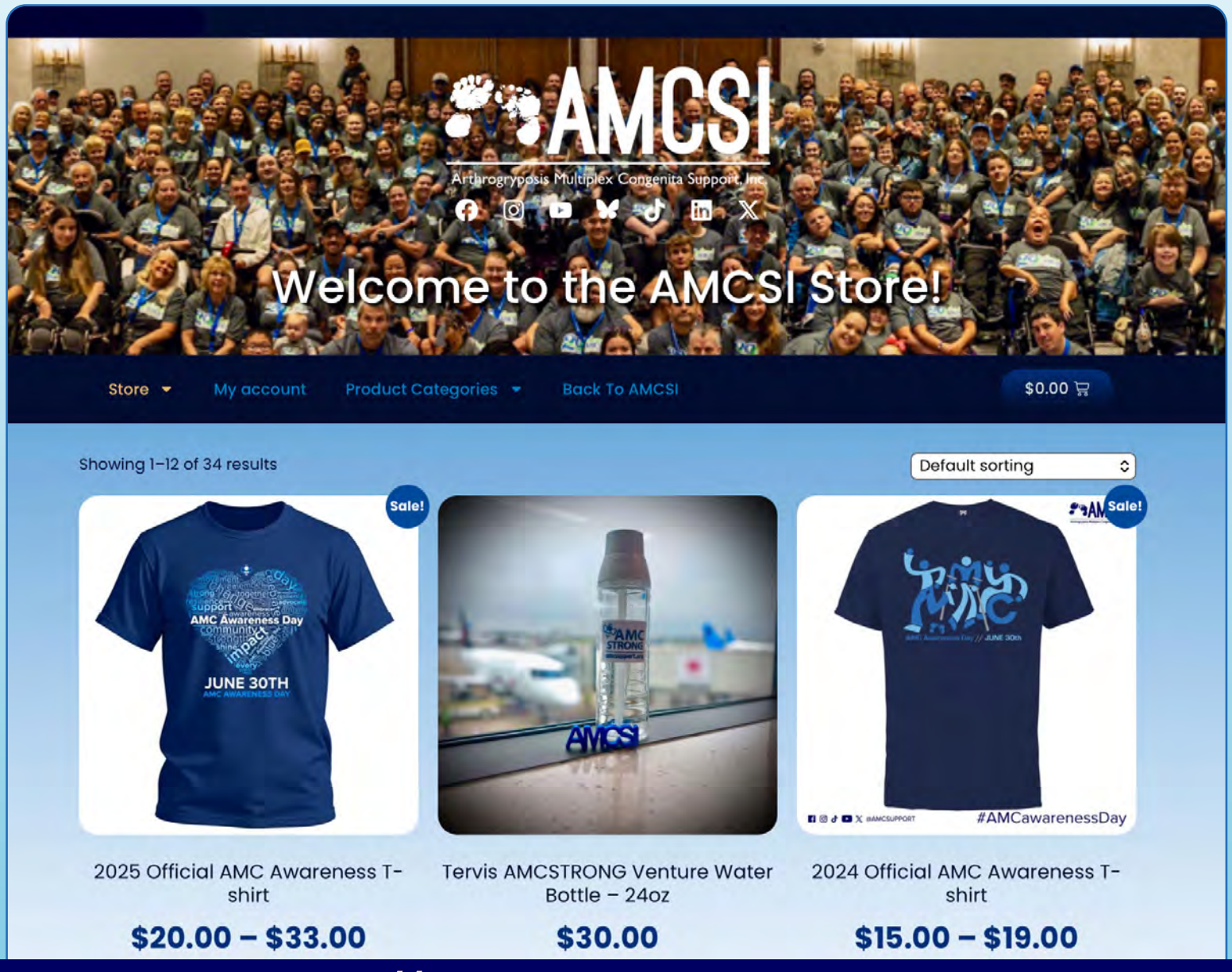
AMCSI Adoption Grant Highlight

Beautiful Liam needs a family.

Liam is in Eastern Europe & has #arthrogryposis. ***Could YOU be his family?*** Large Families, Older Parents, Single Fathers, Single Mothers can reach out for information.

Grants are available from AMC Support and Reece's Rainbow to help with adoption costs. Additional information from fellow adoptive parents available if there is serious interest in Liam.

AMCSI Adoption Grant Link: **https://amcsupport.org/adoption-grant/**
Reece's Rainbow Link: **https://reecesrainbow.org/childgrant/liam-2**



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