AGENDA FOR THE DAY

8:00-8:30 — REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST
8:30-9:30 — WELCOME, BRAD COHEN SPEAKS
9:30-10:45 — DR. JAMES LECKMAN, M.D., YALE UNIVERSITY, AWARENESS
10:45-11:00 — BREAK
11:00-12:30 — SHERYL PRUITT, M.Ed, AND LESLIE PACKER, Ph.D. EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES AND THE IMPACT OF BEHAVIOR
12:30-1:30 — LUNCH
1:30-2:30 — BREAKOUT SESSIONS
2:30-2:45 — BREAK
2:45-4:00 — DR. DOUG WOODS, Ph.D. TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY, CBIT (COGNITIVE BEHAVIORAL INTERVENTION FOR TICS)
4:00-5:00 — PANEL FOR Q & A WITH THE DOCTORS

WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE CONFERENCE?

CONFERENCE IS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH TS, TEACHERS, EDUCATORS, PARENTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, PSYCHIATRISTS, THERAPISTS, SOCIAL WORKERS, COUNSELORS, PROFESSIONALS, NURSE PRACTITIONERS AND MORE.

REGISTRATION COSTS

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$99 — ADULTS W/ TS, PARENTS AND TEACHERS
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ALL PARTICIPANTS WILL RECEIVE A FREE COPY OF THE HALLMARK HALL OF FAME MOVIE, FRONT OF THE CLASS!
THE VAST MAJORITY OF CHILDREN WITH TOURETTE SYNDROME HAVE ASSOCIATED DISORDERS SUCH AS ADHD, OCD, DEPRESSION, BIPOLAR DISORDER, SLEEP DISORDERS, EXECUTIVE DYSFUNCTIONS, ETC. THIS IS COMMONLY REFERRED TO AS TS+. TS+ CAN BE A BARRIER IN A CHILD’S LIFE. COME FIND OUT HOW TO BREAK DOWN THESE BARRIERS AT HOME, SCHOOL AND IN SOCIAL SETTINGS.

WHY ATTEND?
* Understand definitions of TS, OCD, ADHD, Bipolar Disorder and more
* Learn about treatments such as CBIT and ERP
t* Awareness of legal rights for students with TS: IEPs/504 Plans
* Understand the family experience and supports necessary
* Learn tools to offset social deficits
* Learn what neurology and psychiatry bring to the table
* Have a great understanding of the TS experience
* Learn strategies to use in the classroom
* Learn ways to deal with TS behaviors

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

BRAD COHEN, M.Ed.
Brad Cohen, M.Ed., is the author of the award-winning book, Front of the Class: How Tourette Syndrome Made Me the Teacher I Never Had. His book was named the “Education Book of the Year” by the Independent Book Publishers. In December of 2008, CBS featured Brad’s “Hallmark Hall of Fame” movie about his life. Brad is an Assistant Principal at an elementary school in Atlanta. Brad earned his degrees from Bradley University and Georgia State University. He is President of The Brad Cohen Tourette Foundation and is married with two boys. He continues to be a motivational speaker and inspires people to keep a positive attitude and to follow their dreams.

JAMES F. LECKMAN, M.D.
James F. Leckman, M.D., is the Nelson Harris Professor of Child Psychiatry, Psychiatry, Psychology and Pediatrics at Yale. He served as the Director of Research for the Yale Child Study Center from 1983 to 2010. Dr. Leckman is a well-known child psychiatrist and patient-oriented clinical investigator. Dr. Leckman is the author or co-author of over 400 original articles published in peer-reviewed journals, seven books, and 120 book chapters. He is co-editor, along with Dr. Davide Martino, of Oxford University Press’ Tourette Syndrome (2013).

DOUG WOODS, Ph.D.
Douglas W. Woods, Ph.D., is a Professor and Head of Psychology at the Department of Psychology at Texas A&M University. He is co-chair of the Tourette Syndrome Association’s Medical Advisory Board, serves on the Scientific Advisory Board of the Trichotillomania Learning Center. He has authored or co-authored over 180 papers or chapters and authored or co-authored 9 books on Tic Disorders, Trichotillomania, and other repetitive behavior problems, as well as one on behavior analytic accounts of psychopathology.

SHERYL K. PRUITT, M.Ed., ET/P
Sheryl K. Pruitt, M.Ed., ET/P, is Clinical Director of Parkaire Consultants, a clinic that serves neurologically impaired individuals. Ms. Pruitt has served on local, national and international boards. She is currently on the Senior Advisory Board of the Brad Cohen Tourette Foundation. Ms. Pruitt is a co-author of the books Teaching the Tiger: Tigers, Too and Challenging Kids, Challenged Teachers and a chapter in Tourette Syndrome, Oxford Press (2013). She presents nationally and internationally. Her presentations incorporate professional and personal experiences.

LESLIE E. PACKER, Ph.D.
Leslie E. Packer, Ph.D., is a New York State-licensed psychologist specializing in the treatment of Tourette Syndrome and its associated disorders such as OCD, ADHD, anxiety disorders, mood disorders, and Executive Dysfunction. She also serves as a consultant to school districts and is the author of articles, books, and web sites for parents and educators. Her presentations and workshops incorporate her personal experiences as a family member as well as her professional experiences.

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JORGE JUNCOS, M.D., AND HOWARD SCHUB, M.D. — TS and Neurology

BRAD COHEN, M.Ed., DARIN BUSH, SHERYL PRUITT, M.Ed. ET/P, LESLIE PACKER, Ph.D., DANIEL PRUITT, PCC — Inside/Outside: storms, sleep, homework and transitions to the real world

LISA TERRY M.S., LPC, JULIE SCHULTHEIS M.A., LPC, AND MARY JANE TROTTI, M.Ed., ET/P — OCD Treatments

GAYLE BORN, M.Ed. AND JIM TROTTI, LPC — Social Skills