



Meet a Member - Trey's Story

Since his diagnosis with Multiple Sclerosis in 2008 at age 28, Trey has found it difficult to keep up with a fast-paced world. "I have mobility issues caused by damage throughout my nerves," says Trey. "It causes extreme fatigue and spasms in my legs, which can sometimes slow me down when I want to speed up." For someone in the prime of their life, this kind of diagnosis can deal a real blow to their social and emotional well being. "It's been tough on my social life, that's for sure," adds Trey. "I don't want to bother others with my condition, or slow them down, so I tend to keep to myself when it's acting up."

Trey has tried his fair share of traditional medical treatments, including powerful drugs such as Avonex, Rebif and Tysabri. But it was the debilitating nausea that comes along with chemotherapy that finally prompted him to try medical marijuana. He'd tried expensive anti-nausea pills from his doctor, but even those couldn't take the edge off the extreme uneasy feeling that comes from chemo.

"Since using medical marijuana, my leg spasms have reduced dramatically making it easier for me to walk and function day-to-day and my nausea can be kept under control," says Trey. "Smoking it is my preferred method of ingestion and I use it mostly for the nausea, spasms or to help me sleep at night. I probably smoke an average of five joints a day to maintain a level of functioning. On the other hand, I don't smoke cigarettes or drink, and really try to keep as healthy as I can."

For Trey, using medical marijuana makes his often-tense body relaxed and capable of moving with a freedom of motion he can't experience any other way. It also enables him to keep mentally healthy but being mobile and more capable of joining in activities with family and friends. "If I hadn't found this treatment, I don't know where I'd be now," says Trey. "It's truly been the key to unlocking a level of freedom from this disease I didn't think was possible."

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