



Jim, Linda and Jim (Jr) Mazzetti

Two educators, Jim and Linda Mazzetti, whose son was born with hydrocephalus, founded National Hydrocephalus Foundation (*NHF*) more than 30 years ago in Chicago. In a time before the internet, the founders could find little information in the public library or any other publications on hydrocephalus. They wanted to be able to provide their son with the tools in which he could better himself.

So that other parents would have the same problems in finding information about hydrocephalus, they started a support group and peer network to share what they had learned about hydrocephalus and how the parents could help their child overcome obstacles in learning, physical activity... and more. Parents from around the state, then other states, started contacting Jim and Linda for education and guidance. This support group and peer network became National Hydrocephalus Foundation.

Their son, Jim, completed his Master's Degree in Psychology and works for the state of Wisconsin helping disabled individuals. He drives and owns his own home.