Disease InfoSearch – Disease InfoSearch is a constantly evolving online search tool and database of advocacy organizations and resources for genetic conditions. It includes support group information and links to disease-specific materials that are up-to-date, accessible, and vetted for quality information. It provides links to clinical descriptions, treatments, insurance issues, arts and literature, and references supplied by advocacy organizations. Disease InfoSearch also includes a portal that connects users to information particular to their desired condition within the NLM databases. Check out www.geneticalliance.org/dis to see what conditions are listed.

MemberForum – This online roundtable allows the more than 250 support group leaders and other genetics and health professionals who are registered to share ideas, inspirations, technical support, lessons learned, best practices, questions and answers, issues, and concerns. Join MemberForum: www.geneticalliance.org/join

Genetic Alliance Webinars – Genetic Alliance offers information and a discussion framework to leaders and advocates in three series: Strategies for Success, Meet Your Neighbors, and Hot Topics. We hold at least one webinar in each series per month. View upcoming sessions: www.geneticalliance.org/webinars

Resource Repository – This electronic repository for documents and audio and video files covers all aspects of organizational development: fundraising, incorporation, conference planning, volunteer recruitment, and more. Additionally, there are sections on genetic testing and basic genetics, as well as “how to” guides and best practices. Features include the ability to track new content tailored to your interests; view the most recently uploaded and most often downloaded content; and easily submit your own material. See what is in the Resource Repository: www.resourcerepository.org

Weekly Bulletin – This weekly update to our Announcements listserv features news about upcoming events, spotlights organizations, and highlights legislation before Congress. www.geneticalliance.org/weekly.bulletin
To subscribe to Announcements, send an email to: membership@geneticalliance.org

Policy Bulletin – The public policy department at Genetic Alliance keeps a close eye on international, federal, and regional policy news. As debates are conducted and votes are held, we keep our stakeholders informed via the weekly GA Policy Bulletin sent to our MemberForum listserv. View current and past editions: www.geneticalliance.org/policy.bulletin

Advocacy in Genetics – This quarterly e-newsletter keeps our stakeholders informed of Genetic Alliance activity in the worlds of genetics, policy, and advocacy. View current and past issues: www.geneticalliance.org/newsletter
**WikiAdvocacy** – A compilation of the wisdom of the advocacy community, WikiAdvocacy contains regular updates from key leaders and advisory and editorial board oversight. It also holds the Interactive Guide to Advocacy, a manual that uses articles, templates, and stories to describe the issues, skills, and other elements of advocacy organizations and their activities. Members of the advocacy community continually add and refine the tips and tools offered through this resource. [www.wikiadvocacy.org](http://www.wikiadvocacy.org)

**WikiGenetics** – WikiGenetics is an open source, user generated encyclopedia for the public. It is a valuable resource for anyone searching for genetics information, including people with no science background. Anyone can contribute and edit information. To ensure credibility, WikiGenetics requires references for all contributions. Advisory and editorial boards comprised of experts in genetics are in place to review all additions to the site. Visit [www.wikigenetics.org](http://www.wikigenetics.org) to add information about specific genetic conditions.

**Annual Conference** – Held once a year in the Washington, DC metro area, the Genetic Alliance Annual Conference brings together advocates, health professionals, corporate representatives, and government partners, creating an exciting networking and skill building opportunity. To help defray the travel, lodging, and registration costs, fellowships are often available. Check out this year’s conference: [www.geneticalliance.org/conf08](http://www.geneticalliance.org/conf08)

**Advocates Partnership Program**– This program allows for a number of leaders from the advocacy community to attend the annual conferences of national organizations (such as American Society of Human Genetics, American College of Medical Genetics, and the National Society of Genetic Counselors) with partial scholarships that include waived registration fees and, occasionally, a moderate stipend. More information can be found at [www.geneticalliance.org/advocates.partnership](http://www.geneticalliance.org/advocates.partnership)

**Understanding Genetics: A Guide for Patients and Health Professionals** – This straightforward and intuitive guide covers basic genetics concepts in addition to in-depth information about receiving a diagnosis of a genetic condition, newborn screening, family health history gathering, genetic counseling, and genetic testing and its application. Learn more at [www.geneticalliance.org/understanding.genetics](http://www.geneticalliance.org/understanding.genetics)

**Listserv Hosting** – Genetic Alliance can create a unique, private listserv for an organization or group for an annual fee of $75 per list. Advocacy organization leaders are responsible for moderating their own lists and managing individual members. For details visit [www.geneticalliance.org/listserv.hosting](http://www.geneticalliance.org/listserv.hosting)

**Website** – Genetic Alliance’s website program allows advocates to use an easy to operate system for displaying content, creating calendars and bulletin boards, etc. To learn more, visit [www.gawebprogram.org/about.html](http://www.gawebprogram.org/about.html)

**Phone and in-person guidance** – Genetic Alliance uses a step-by-step plan for establishing programs, which range form an informal support system to an incorporated nonprofit organization, for individuals and families with a specific condition. Contact Amelia Chappelle for more information: achappelle@geneticalliance.org