



## FOX FACTS

- Nearly five million people worldwide are living with Parkinson's disease – a chronic, degenerative neurological disorder characterized by symptoms that typically progress from mild tremors to complete physical incapacitation.
- In the United States, 60,000 new cases will be diagnosed this year alone.
- While the average age of onset is 60, an estimated five to 10 percent of people with PD experience onset at age 40 or younger.
- There are no known ways to prevent or accurately predict who will develop Parkinson's disease.
- There is no known cure for Parkinson's disease. Currently available treatments temporarily mask symptoms while the disease continues to get worse.
- Actor Michael J. Fox established The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research in 2000 shortly after announcing his retirement from the ABC television show Spin City. In 1998 he publicly disclosed that he had been diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's disease seven years earlier.
- The Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research is committed to doing whatever it takes to speed up the development of critically needed new treatments for patients. As the largest nonprofit funder of PD research worldwide, the MJFF works aggressively every day to identify and prioritize scientific solutions that hold promise to improve patients quality of life.
- Scientists believe that, with proper research funding, a cure for Parkinson's disease is within reach. The opportunity for therapeutic breakthroughs has never been greater and advances in Parkinson's research are likely to significantly contribute to the understanding of other devastating neurological diseases such as Alzheimer's, ALS and multiple sclerosis.
- The Team Fox grassroots community fundraising campaign was created in 2005 to give everyone a role to play in the victory against Parkinson's.