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The Spinal Cord Society (SCS), is a 501(c)(3) organization founded in 1978 by Dr. Charles Carson. The Twin Cities Chapter is one of almost 200 chapters worldwide.

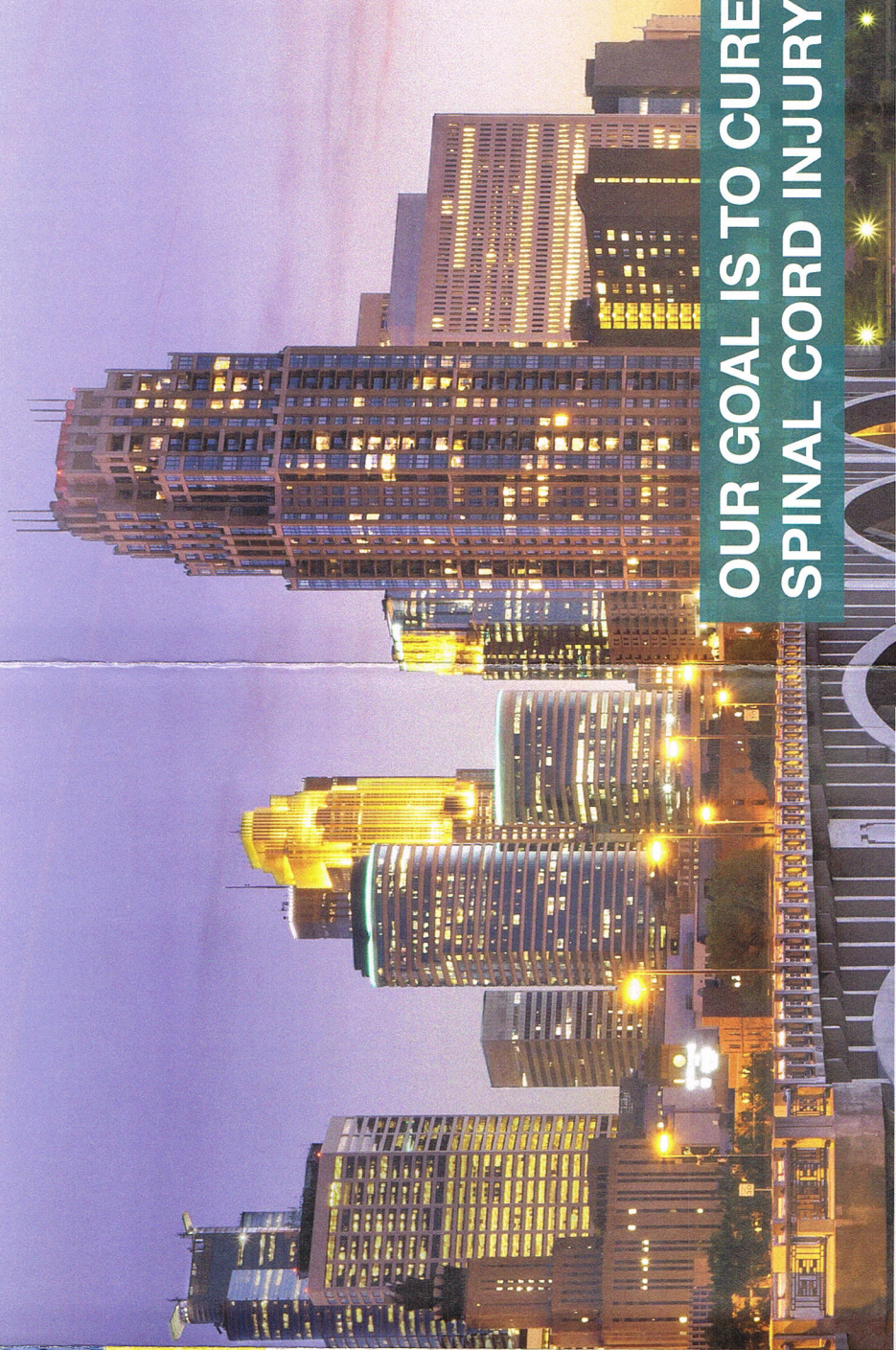
You can get involved by doing any of the following:

- Become an active member by joining our mailing list for a FREE chapter newsletter
- Participate in any or all of our annual fundraising events
- Subscribe to the monthly National SCS newsletter
- Promote SCS and SCSTC to everyone you know
- Make a donation to help with the "SCS Search for a Cure" research program

Your contributions fund research to cure paralysis. Every contribution gets us closer to this goal. We rely on the generosity of private and corporate supporters for essential funding to support our research.



Twin Cities Chapter
Spinal Cord Society
"Chronic Injury to CURE"



OUR GOAL IS TO CURE SPINAL CORD INJURY

**We're not waiting on a miracle...
we're making one! Join us on this
remarkable journey.**

The Spinal Cord Society Twin Cities Chapter, is an all-volunteer non-profit 501c3 organization, made up of spinal cord injured people and their interested families, friends, medical professionals and researchers.

To learn more about SCS Twin Cities, SCS National, and SCI research taking place right here in Minnesota, call us or visit us online at:

www.scstwincities.org

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Who are we?

A group of SCI (spinal cord injured) people, dedicated to funding and finding a real CURE for our injuries. We focus only on funding research directed solely to chronic SCI.

Our Mission statement says it all:

Moving from research to results; powered by the paralyzed and those supporting the reality of chronic spinal cord injury cure.

Our group is different than you might expect, it's made up of SCI people and volunteers determined to find a cure! People whose objective is to do whatever they can to generate awareness & raise funds for our organization's research arm.

Who are these volunteers? They are wonderful, enthusiastic, supportive, and hard working people just like you, who want to help us find a cure.

There's life after spinal cord injury and there is hope for a cure!

We won't sit and wait for a miracle, we're raising the funds to find one!

What is Spinal Cord Injury?

Spinal cord injury (SCI) is severe, traumatic damage that can happen to anyone, anytime.

The spinal cord is a complex bundle of nerves from the brain to the base of the spine, a communication system between brain and body allowing the body to function properly. These messages provide movement, control of muscles and organs, conveying

sensations such as pain, touch, hot and cold.

A damaged or severed spinal cord means use of limbs below the level of injury is impossible and often deprives the person of other vital body functions.

SCI isn't just about being in a wheelchair, it's about lack of control, independence and freedom.

Moving from research breakthroughs to human clinical trials to "CURE"

Our only goal is to support the work on a cure for chronic spinal cord injury through the funding and promotion of SCI medical research.

Progress made over the last two decades of research has brought us to the point where a solution to this devastating condition is accepted as inevitable!

We know a "cure" for chronic spinal cord injuries is on the horizon.

Advances in research, technology, and life sciences have combined to move many treatments-- including regenerative cell therapy, Functional Electrical Stimulation, lightweight and flexible "locomotor" training devices, into the mainstream of work throughout the world.

Our donation-supported Research Center focuses on three areas:

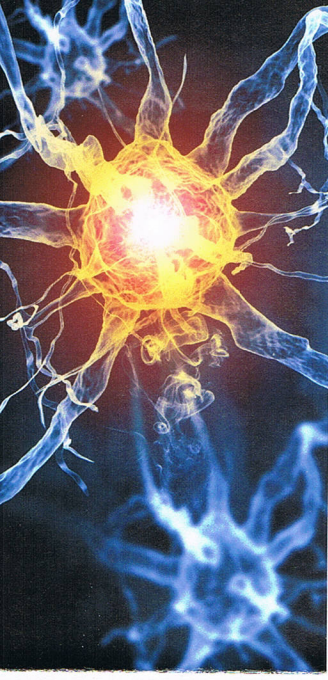
- Scar Ablation
- Cell and cell transplant work
- Physical Therapy

visit our website www.scstwincities.org for details

Our core SCI research is aimed at reducing the paralyzing effects of injury and promoting re-growth of functional nerve fibers. And, scientists are investigating other promising avenues for treatment and cure of spinal cord injury as well.

The "cure" for spinal cord injury may take the form of multiple strategies, each focused on restoring specific functions.

We won't sit and wait for a miracle, we're making one!



The Cure Around the Corner

Treatment protocols are continually being worked on, but funding for continued and accelerated research investigating a cure for spinal cord injury is limited.

It's important to fund Cure-Focused SCI research, and that's why SCS is involved to assist in and accelerate funding! And the money we raise goes directly to our own Research Center.

With the effort and progress in the fields of Neuroscience and Molecular Biology, the scope of possible new therapies is wider than ever.

Despite limitations in funding, some experimental treatments-toward-cure have even reached controlled human trials.

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