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## WPC eNews

Happy New Year! It is hard to believe that the 4th World Parkinson Congress in Portland, Oregon is just next year! That means now is the time to start planning your journey to the scenic Northwest city of Portland. Exactly this time next year, WPC 2016 will open registration to researchers, clinicians and nurses, rehabilitation specialists, people with Parkinson's, care partners and more. We hope you will mark your calendar now to register in January 2016. Watch for early registration incentives!

As at the last WPC, registrants in the categories of people with Parkinson's and care partners will be able to sign up for the **WPC Buddies Program** after they register next year. We are thrilled to announce that the Northwest Parkinson's Foundation will sponsor this program. Learn more below.

All details on the WPC 2016 can be found at [www.WPC2016.org](http://www.WPC2016.org). This one-stop-shop website will be updated continuously and is your source for all WPC 2016 information.

Congratulations to WPC Partner National Parkinson Foundation (NPF) for winning a \$75,000 donation from the Shoe Lovers Care Leave Your Mark Campaign. [Learn more about the campaign, the prize and NPF's work!](#)

**Spotlight On:** This month's "Spotlight On" recognizes NPF's President and CEO Joyce Oberdorf. Joyce serves as the co-chair of the WPC 2016 Advocacy and Government Relations Committee and as member of the WPC 2016 Steering Committee. [Learn more about Joyce and NPF's support of the upcoming Congress.](#)

## WPC 2016 Buddies Program

The aim of the WPC Buddies Program is to strengthen the global Parkinson's community through connecting people. People with Parkinson's and care partners who register for the WPC 2016 can sign up to be "buddied" with other people from around the world who are also attending the Congress. Learn more about the WPC 2016 Buddies Program and the three fantastic coordinators: [Deanna Krywy \(Canada\)](#), [Kip Smith \(USA\)](#) & [Sue Whipps \(UK\)](#).



This program is supported by WPC Partner, [Northwest Parkinson's Foundation](#).

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## Upcoming Events

### [Maghreb Teaching Course on Parkinson's Disease and Related Diseases](#)

January 19 - 20, 2015  
Marrakech, Morocco



### [The Victory Summit: Las Vegas\\*](#)

February 7, 2015  
Las Vegas, NV

*\*Visit the WPC table to meet WPC 2016*

## Support the Travel Grant Fund



WPC 2016 Advocates for Parkinson  
Committee Co-Chairs Alice Templin

Ambassadors Jillian Carson & Allison Smith &  
WPC 2016 Buddies Coordinator Kip Smith!

(Canada) & Jean Burns (USA) invite you to  
give the gift of Congress.

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## WPC 2016 Care Partner Room

At the WPC 2016, we will debut a Care Partner Room, a space dedicated to the group of delegates who give endless time and care to their loved ones. To help us design the program for this room, we recently emailed a short survey to care partners & family members. If you are a care partner or family member and did not receive an email regarding this survey, [you may take the survey here.](#)

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