



ACOUSTICNEUROMA

ASSOCIATION

2025 Annual Report

A Message from the CEO

For 45 years, patients and families facing an acoustic neuroma diagnosis have turned to the ANA for trusted information, compassionate support, and meaningful connection. While medicine, technology, and the ways we engage have evolved dramatically over the decades, our purpose is unchanged: to ensure that no patient has to navigate this journey alone.

That commitment is the foundation of the ANA and the force that drives us forward.

Thousands of patients and caregivers connect with the ANA each year. Behind every program, every service, and every interaction is a singular goal: to help patients feel informed, supported, and empowered at every stage of their journey.

As the needs of patients evolve, though, so does the ANA. We invest in expanded educational opportunities, broader engagement throughout the AN Community, and research efforts that advance understanding and treatment. We honor our history not by preserving the status quo, but by continually seeking new and better ways to serve.

The success of the ANA comes from an extraordinary team. Volunteers, healthcare professionals, staff, board leadership, members, and donors each play a vital role in making our mission possible. It takes us all to nurture an AN Community where every patient has access to the knowledge, support, and connections they need. This is a commitment not only to those seeking help today, but to those who will receive a diagnosis tomorrow.

We're proud of the foundation built over 45 years—and the opportunities we're creating. The ANA will continue to transform lives and ensure that every patient can be an active member of their care team.

All the best,
Jim Shea
Chief Executive Officer

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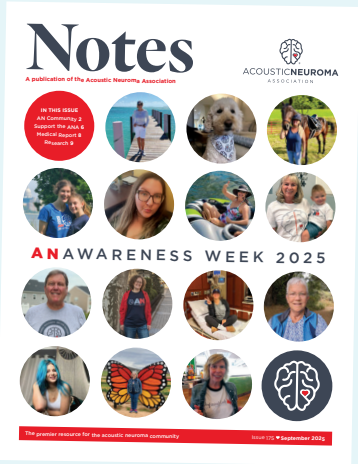
Our Impact

ANA MEMBERSHIP

Thousands of patients, caregivers, and supporters turn to the Acoustic Neuroma Association for trusted information, meaningful connections, and ongoing support throughout their AN journey. ANA membership provides access to expert-led educational content, opportunities to engage with leading healthcare professionals, and a welcoming community of individuals who understand the challenges and experiences of living with acoustic neuroma.

NOTES NEWSLETTER

Published quarterly, *NOTES* continues to be a cornerstone of connection within the AN Community, reaching more than **12,000 readers each year** through both print and digital formats. Each edition combines deeply personal patient journeys with timely updates, offering both inspiration and practical guidance. Through collaboration with leading clinicians and researchers, *NOTES* delivers accessible insights into diagnosis, evolving treatment approaches, and strategies for managing life after treatment, all while highlighting the voices and stories of those living with AN.



NATIONWIDE PATIENT SUPPORT GROUPS

Across the country, and increasingly in virtual spaces, the AN Community thrives through **44 active support groups**. In 2025, these groups convened **103 meetings**, bringing together **1,300+ individuals** seeking guidance, encouragement, and understanding. What makes these support groups especially meaningful is the depth of insight shared: **41 sessions** featured guest presentations from medical experts, bridging the patient experience and the latest clinical knowledge, and helping those navigating their journeys feel more informed and supported by a larger community.

ANAUSA.ORG AND COMMUNITY FORUM

Our digital community continues to engage patients and caregivers. In 2025, ANAUSA.org welcomed over **208,000 visits** and generated more than **336,000 pageviews**, reflecting a critical need for trusted, centralized information. Our patient-moderated discussion forum provides an online space for peer-to-peer knowledge, with over **213,000 posts** contributed by more than 12,000 members across 19,700+ topics.

IN-PERSON PATIENT EDUCATION EVENTS

Our Patient Education Events bring the AN Community together through engaging, in-person programs hosted at leading medical centers across the country. Designed for patients, caregivers, and families, these one-day gatherings offer valuable opportunities to learn from expert healthcare teams, connect with others navigating similar experiences, and gain practical insights for the journey ahead. Northwestern Medical Center and UT Southwestern Medical Center hosted superb programs in 2025, and 2026 will see us at both Mayo Clinic Jacksonville and Cedars Sinai.



PATIENT KITS AND EDUCATIONAL BOOKLETS

Every new member of the AN Community is offered our complimentary patient kit, paired with a one-month introductory membership. In 2025, more than **1,300 patient kits** were distributed, each with resources on support groups, peer mentoring connections, the latest *NOTES* issue, and a collection of educational booklets. Our booklets span critical topics such as diagnosis, recovery, balance, hearing, vision and eye care, and emotional, cognitive, and behavioral health, reflecting the full spectrum of the patient experience.



PEER MENTOR PROGRAM

At the core of the ANA experience is patient connection, and our Peer Mentor Program brings together more than **90 volunteers**—patients, caregivers, and family members. These mentors provide something uniquely powerful: perspective, reassurance, and the reminder that no one has to face this journey alone. Their connections help transform uncertainty into understanding.



ANAWARENESS WEEK

Our annual ANAwareness Week is dedicated to educating the public about acoustic neuroma, its symptoms, available treatment options, and the value of early diagnosis. Each year, the campaign brings together patients, caregivers, healthcare professionals, and advocates to share knowledge and strengthen support for the AN Community. We present a series of educational programs and expert-led presentations where participants gain access to the latest information from leading medical centers and specialists in the field.

AN RESEARCH - PATIENT RESEARCH PARTICIPATION

Advancing understanding and improving outcomes remains a central priority. In 2025, the Acoustic Neuroma Association partnered with leading researchers and institutions to connect patients with meaningful research opportunities. These partnerships continue to ensure that the patient voice is represented in scientific discovery and that progress is shaped by those most affected.

WEBINARS AND FACEBOOK LIVE EVENTS

Education and connection extended well beyond in-person meetings through **21 live and virtual presentations** hosted in 2025 in partnership with leading medical institutions and healthcare professionals. These sessions covered the full spectrum of AN-related concerns and treatment pathways, including balance disorders, facial and eye issues, headaches, hearing and tinnitus, microsurgical and radiation approaches, post-treatment recovery, tumor regrowth considerations, and broader quality-of-life topics. Each event brought expert knowledge, with engagement opportunities for patients.

ANA FUNDED RESEARCH

Progress in acoustic neuroma research is made possible through the commitment and generosity of dedicated supporters. The Greathouse Family Foundation continues to play a transformative role, helping expand opportunities for scientific discovery and innovation. In 2025, the Foundation's \$150,000 grant brought its total commitment to an incredible \$500,000. This generous support is helping drive efforts to better understand acoustic neuromas, improve treatment approaches, and enhance outcomes for patients today and in the future.



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Audited Financial Information

as of December 31, 2025

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$743,372
Investments, at fair value	\$1,193,575
Right-of-use assets	\$1,217
Total Assets	\$1,938,164
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$0
Accrued expenses	\$15,786
Deferred revenue	\$38,800
Lease liability	\$1,357
Total current liabilities	\$55,943
Net Assets without donor restrictions	
Undesignated	\$598,494
Board designated endowment	\$930,803
	\$1,529,297
Net Assets with donor restrictions	\$352,924
Total Net Assets	\$1,882,221
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$1,938,164

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

PUBLIC SUPPORT AND REVENUE			
	without donor restrictions	with donor restrictions	Total
Contributions and grants	\$638,345	\$158,500	\$796,845
Membership dues	\$63,397	---	\$63,397
Sponsorships	\$261,500	---	\$261,500
Website Listings	\$40,300	---	\$40,300
Merchandise Revenue	\$7,353	---	\$7,353
Investment income, net	\$126,057	---	\$126,057
Total public support and revenue	\$1,136,952	\$158,500	\$1,295,452
Net Assets released from restrictions:			
Satisfaction of program restrictions	\$51,071	(51,071)	---
Total Public Support and Revenue	\$1,188,023	\$107,429	\$1,295,452
EXPENSES			
Program Expenses	\$361,468	---	\$361,468
Supporting Services:			
General Administrative	\$196,050	---	\$196,050
Fundraising	\$127,520	---	\$127,520
Total Expenses	\$685,038	---	\$685,038
Change in Net Assets	502,985	\$107,429	\$610,414
Net Assets at beginning of year	\$1,026,312	\$245,495	\$1,271,807
Net Assets at end of year	\$1,529,297	\$352,924	\$1,882,221

OUR MISSION

“The Acoustic Neuroma Association is the premier resource for the acoustic neuroma community. We inform, educate, and support those affected by acoustic neuroma brain tumors.”

The ANA was created to ensure that each patient diagnosed with an acoustic neuroma has access to information and peer support to help them through their journey. The organization that Ginny Fickel Ehr — herself an acoustic neuroma patient — created in 1981 continues to do just that and more. Patients, along with their families and caregivers, continue to be at the forefront of our efforts.

VISION AND VALUES

To continually improve the lives of acoustic neuroma patients and their families through communication, support, innovation, funding research, and partnerships with the medical community

Respect

To honor the needs and privacy of acoustic neuroma patients

Professionalism

To maintain high ethical standards at all times

Objectivity

To remain free of bias in everything we do

Patient-centricity

To place the patient and their community at the forefront of all ANA efforts



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