2025 NNPDF Cora Sterling Endurance Award

Erol Ayik



Erol Ayik is an exceptional young advocate whose contributions to the Niemann-Pick disease community have been both impactful and inspiring. At his first NNPDF conference, Erol volunteered to join a family advisory group, where he courageously shared his personal experience of living with a brother affected by ASMD. His thoughtful and heartfelt testimony not only shed light on the sibling experience but also provided a unique and invaluable perspective on his brother's journey with ASMD. Erol's words resonated deeply with everyone in the room, elevating the importance of understanding and supporting siblings within the Niemann-Pick community. His advocacy sparked meaningful conversations and brought the sibling perspective to the forefront, ensuring that their voices are heard and their needs are addressed.

Since that pivotal moment, Erol has continued to be a wonderful advocate for the Niemann-Pick community. He has spoken on panels, shared his story widely, and played a key role in the Super Sibs group that supports siblings of individuals living with Niemann-Pick disease. Beyond his work within the community, Erol has generously volunteered his time and efforts for other nonprofit organizations, participating in awareness campaigns and lending his voice to causes that matter.

His dedication, compassion, and leadership have made a lasting impact on many in the Niemann-Pick community, and we are fortunate to have Erol as a champion for advocacy and change. His passion and commitment make him a deserving candidate for the Cora Sterling Endurance Award.