In Tennessee, there are an estimated 16,000 people with Parkinson’s disease (PD) who are 45 or older. The Parkinson’s Foundation has invested $467,700 in research to better understand Parkinson’s and to ensure better care for the Tennessee PD community. As of 2019, in the last 5 years:

- 2,565 people with PD accessed expert care annually at our Center of Excellence, Vanderbilt University Medical Center, with 297 enrolled in the Parkinson’s Outcomes Project, the largest clinical study of PD.
- 1 researcher received a research grant for their work to better understand Parkinson’s.
- 205 health professionals were trained to provide better care, and help close the gap in PD professional training.

We are equally committed to educating and empowering the Parkinson’s community in Tennessee. In the last 5 years:

- 820 Aware in Care kits prepared people for planned and emergency hospital visits.
- 6 research advocates — people with PD and care partners — were paired with scientists to make research more effective and efficient.

Offered professional help through 1,140 calls to information specialists via our Helpline, with 230 referrals to expert care.

Helped people with Parkinson’s live well, distributing 13,690 free publications.

Brought 1,010 participants from Tennessee together, raising $217,000 through Moving Day, A Walk for Parkinson’s.

The Parkinson’s Foundation makes life better for people with Parkinson’s disease by improving care and advancing research toward a cure. In everything we do, we build on the energy, experience and passion of our global Parkinson’s community.

Have questions about Parkinson’s? Visit Parkinson.org or call our Helpline at 1-800-4PD-INFO (473-4636).