

Our Story...

In 1994 two good friends **Jordan Harlow** and **Jennette Braaten** began to toss around the idea of an online support group for individuals with NF2. Surely there had to be more people with NF2 out there! At that time there was a very small close group of individuals with NF2 on the Prodigy Bulletin Board Network, but because cross-platform emailing was not yet a reality, the dream sat idle.

By 1996 the internet allowed cross platform emailing and with the help of friends **Marianne Shnieder** and **Steve Silverman** a handful of people tried it out. Word of mouth soon spread ... and the group grew.

In time there was group consensus that this group should have a name. In the usual spirit of democracy, various names were tossed out, a vote was taken, and the NF2 Crew was the clear winner. Members of the Crew are now affectionately referred to as "Crewbies."

And the rest is history.



The Original Group, 1995



Our membership is now
world-wide!

Website: nf2crew.org
Advocacy: advocureNF2.org



A Community of NF2 Support

Message Board & Facebook



To join our message board, click **Message Board** in the menu bar at our website, or you can go directly:

<http://www.nf2crew.org/boards/>



Many NF2 Crew members use Facebook.

Yahoo Groups & Real-time Chat



The **NF2 Crew** Group List is an email based support group for patients and family members with the neurological disorder Neurofibromatosis Type 2.

http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/NF2_Crew/



OZline is a support group and discussion list for Australians and New Zealanders with NF2.

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/Nf2ozline/>



The **ROADCREW** is social style group made up of people with NF2 and their families from the NF2Crew that enjoy traveling around the world together and social discussions.

http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/NF2_Roadcrew/



TrialTalk is for people with nf2 on or seriously interested in a clinical trial, and their immediate family.

<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/NF2Trialtalk/>



The **Nf2 Social** is for crew members who need a break from all that medical talk and just need to relax with old and new friends. You can post or talk about whatever your heart desires... entertainment, religion, politics... anything.

http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/NF2_Social/



The **Nf2zoobies**, are crewbies 18 and older who are looking to kick back and hangout with NO medical talk. We laugh, we share jokes and we have fun! Anything goes with us Zoobies so beware..it's not for the faint of heart Enter at your own risk. :)

http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/NF2_ZOOBIES/



After joining a Yahoo group and/or the Message Board, simply post your user name and your preferred chat program. Someone will contact you shortly about a scheduled group chat.

Neurofibromatosis Type 2 (NF2) is a genetic disease that strikes every 1 in 25,000 people. It can be inherited or spontaneous and does not discriminate based on race, sex or even environment. While the disease is not completely rare, it is rare enough that the average NF2 patient may encounter few, if any, others with the disease in their lifetime.

The NF2 Crew was formed to address this issue, members correspond with and meet other NF2 patients from around the globe. A most often heard phrase from new members is, "I didn't think anyone else was like me, I fit in here!" We exchange everything from information on treatments and research to trivia and jokes. One of our goals is accessibility and we offer a variety of Internet-based communication mediums.



Florida, 2005



Ohio Gathering, 2010