

DISTRICT CAPTAIN | POSITION DESCRIPTION

Accountable to and Partners with: Advocacy Team Chair (ATC)

Responsibilities Include: The District Captain serves as the ATC's primary contact within the Congressional District in which they are a constituent. The District Captain's role is to support the legislative and policy priorities set forth by JDRF Advocacy by assisting the ATC with securing and leading meetings with their Member of Congress and helping to grow the local base of JDRF Advocates.

Expectations:

- Check-in regularly with the local ATC to stay apprised of the latest Advocacy happenings.
- Identify local T1D families who are viable candidates for participating in the Promise to Remember Me campaign or New Member Outreach Initiative.
- Maintain regular contact with local T1D families who have expressed an interest in JDRF Advocacy to provide updates and share action alerts as appropriate.
- During the Promise to Remember Me campaign or New Member Outreach Initiative, contact your local Congressional office to request, and subsequently lead, meetings using the provided templates, talking points, and additional resources. These meetings should include additional local T1D families as well.
 - Meetings scheduled with Members of Congress must be in conjunction with active JDRF Advocacy campaigns or initiatives (as outlined above) and follow the guidance provided by JDRF and the ATC.
- Following a Promise to Remember Me campaign or New Member Outreach Initiative meeting, connect with the ATC to ensure all post-meeting requirements are fulfilled.
- Support the ATC during events, and other local and national campaigns as needed.
- To ensure that donor dollars are most effectively used to advance critical T1D research and Advocacy initiatives with the greatest reach, JDRF maintains the strategic position not to engage in state-level legislative issues or litigation, and instead focus on Federal issues with a national impact. When and where appropriate, JDRF collaborates with other organizations across the country to leverage our collective voices, but we do so with consideration of our lean staff resources and JDRF's ongoing commitment to drive our mission forward until we find cures for T1D. As such, District Captains, as visible representatives of JDRF, should not engage in state level issues related to T1D advocacy.
- Since seated members of our grassroots leadership network (Advocacy Team Chairs, the Grassroots Leadership Team, and District Captains) are actively, publicly, and directly working on a bipartisan basis with Members of Congress and their staff to advance JDRF's Advocacy agenda, people in these positions cannot involve themselves or align themselves publicly with a particular political party or candidate on the state or Federal level. (Examples include holding a political fundraiser for a candidate, raising money for a candidate, donating money to a candidate under the JDRF banner, posting content on social media related to a party or candidate, wearing JDRF branded attire or having a visible JDRF banner during a political event, etc.)
- As a District Captain, we ask that you refrain from publicly representing any other patient advocacy or special interest group, because such involvement creates a conflict of interest.

Skills / Experience Required:

- Interest in advocating for issues that are important to the T1D community.
- Excellent communication skills and creative problem-solving.
- Willingness to collaborate with fellow volunteers.
- While not required, it is ideal to have previously served as a volunteer with JDRF Advocacy, or to have had some experience with grassroots mobilizing.