Dear SMA Community,

Cure SMA hosted yet another wonderful Annual SMA Conference where community members traveled from across the globe to connect on a personal level, learn more about the latest advancements, and share their stories.

We also enjoyed hearing from researchers who presented the latest findings across the therapeutic area. We are excited to see what the future may hold.

We continue to be inspired by the vibrancy and positivity from the SMA community and are grateful to have been a part of such a meaningful experience.

Additionally, we hosted a variety of activities at the conference this year; a few highlights are included below.

– The Biogen Team

Biogen and Delta Flight Products: Where Innovation Meets Adventure

Biogen and Delta Flight Products (DFP), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Delta Air Lines established to create aircraft interior solutions to airlines around the world, are collaborating with the community to help inform the future of accessible air travel.

Together, we are connecting with individuals from the rare disease community who have mobility restrictions at upcoming events. Through these interactions, Biogen and DFP aim to better understand the experiences of passengers with reduced mobility, identify gaps and unmet needs in travel accessibility, and inform future innovations and tools aimed at creating a more equitable flying experience. The first activation occurred at the 2024 Annual SMA Conference.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to learn about DFP’s first-of-its-kind airplane seat prototype that aims to allow customers to remain in their own wheelchairs for their entire journey, as well as other DFP advancements, including cargo storage improvements designed to better protect mobility devices that need to be stowed.

Biogen continues to encourage the rare disease community to share their experience and insights on accessible travel on social media using the hashtag #2024SMAConference. These insights will be summarized and shared publicly with the community.

Other Highlights from Cure SMA 2024 Annual SMA Conference

Biogen shared the latest updates from its clinical research at the Annual SMA Research & Clinical Care Meeting. Biogen was honored to sponsor the second year of the Self-Expression Art Exhibit at the conference with a focus on travel. Individuals shared a variety of personal art pieces (ranging from photos to paintings to tattoos) that highlighted what travel means to the artist.

- 15 individuals from across the country submitted entries
- Conference attendees had the chance to vote for their fan favorite

Biogen hosted the Adults with SMA Reception and Adults with SMA Lounge where adults living with SMA were invited to connect on a more personal level.