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## **Parent roundtable discussion and Q&A**

Sandy received his BA with a major in Cultural Anthropology from Miami University in 1973. He received his PhD from The Ohio State University in Cultural Anthropology in 1983. He performed two years of dissertation research with the Gros Ventre Tribe on the Fort Belknap Reservation in Montana. His specializations are Native American Studies, Culture Change and Psychological Anthropology. He has been an adjunct instructor at Franklin University and Capital University. The student community awarded him Capital's Adult Degree Program Faculty Member of the Year in 1996. He took the year off from teaching in order to plan the TMA Children's and Family Workshop. He would like to return to teaching this year, and remains incredibly marketable at the adjunct's salary of \$600 per month and no benefits.

Sandy works for the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. He performs policy research and works on telecommunications cases. Most of his regulatory work involves designing and implementing lifeline programs for the low-income community and finding ways to close the digital divide for the economically disadvantaged community. He currently serves as Vice Chair of Ohio's Community Technology Fund which awards grants to innovative technology projects serving low-income communities in the areas of health care, education, and economic development.

Pauline Siegel contracted TM in July 1994. During her rehabilitation, she told Sandy that she needed a support group, a newsletter, and an opportunity to meet, on a fairly regular basis, hundreds of people who have TM and their caregivers. She also indicated an interest in being surrounded by brilliant doctors and other experts who have an interest in finding better treatments for the symptoms of TM and performing research to find cures for TM. Sandy responded to his lovely wife, Pauline, that he would get right on that.

Sandy used to play the congas, he used to enjoy gardening, and he used to be an avid golfer. He remains a serious Tribe and Browns fan, but only listens to the games over his shoulder while he is responding to emails on his computer. Pauline and Sandy are blessed to have two sons, Aaron and David and a soon-to-be-daughter-in-law, Hanni.

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