

George Manahan
The Manahan Group/West Virginia Parkinson's Support Network

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West Virginia Parkinson's Support Network

Director

2013 - Present

George Manahan's work in the West Virginia Parkinson's community is considerable. He works to improve the lives of people with PD in all areas:

- He has started several support groups in West Virginia;
- He is the founder of a 5k race, the Fox Trot (www.FoxTrotWV.com), that has raised more than \$500,000 for The Michael J. Fox Foundation;
- He has advocated for state and federal legislation, including one of the first Statewide Parkinson's Registry in the country;
- He has started a statewide Parkinson's network that provides free exercise classes and a statewide symposium for caregivers and people with Parkinson's disease. The network is supported by a website and Facebook page (www.ParkinsonsSupportWV.com); and
- He was named The Michael J. Fox Foundation's "Hero of Advocacy" for 2022.

The Manahan Group

CEO

2002 - Present

The Manahan Group is a public relations and advertising firm located in Charleston, West Virginia. George runs a company that currently employs 12 full-time employees:

- His agency was recently awarded 8 (eight) national Telly Awards for excellence in video production.
- His company is the Agency of Record for the West Virginia Lottery and the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.
- His company is known for its volunteer work, especially for healthcare related not-for-profits.

Education: Bethany College, Bethany, WV - Bachelor Degree in Communications, 1983

Awards: State Journal's Who's Who in West Virginia Business (2018); WV Executive Magazine's West Virginia Sharpshooter (2019); MJFF Hero of Advocacy (2022); Public Relations Society of American-West Virginia Hall of Fame (2022).