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## People United for Medical Marijuana

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### Three things each person can do this month

Get you and your friends collecting signatures

Link PUFMM.ORG to your websites and emails

Lobby your legislators

### Dear Kim,

We have collected \$7,000 in donations and 24,000 signatures. We know there are many more signed petitions out there that have not been reported. It is imperative we collect 50,000 signatures this month and raise thousands in donations. We need YOUR HELP. Get out there and get active. We can make the 2010 ballot!

### Patient Spotlight

"In her eighties, she began suffering from glaucoma. When she entered her nineties, pain from arthritis was so unbearable she became confined to bed. She never drank alcohol or smoked cigarettes. Pharmaceutical pain medication gave her an upset stomach. She would have been delighted to eat a marijuana brownie to treat her ailments, instead was forced to lie in bed and suffer. For most of her life, marijuana was a legal medicine. When she needed it most, it was not an option."

[Read the complete article](#)

### Signature Count

The most up to date count we have is on the home page of our website. Thought we would have more signatures by now? How many have you collected?

We know the people that have been working hard to get the 24,000 signatures reported. Some would estimate we have closer to 50,000 collected statewide. Hold on to your signed petitions and email us a count. One pound equals 100 petitions. Instructions will follow on submitting your petitions directly to the state, saving us thousands of dollars in postage.

Please donate to help pay for copies and postage costs we are incurring by mailing blank petitions to volunteers.

[More on this...](#)

Events

Statewide Concert  
Fundraisers

Football Tailgating  
Parties

We need two oncologists that would be willing to be interviewed by the Orlando Sentinel in support of our cause. Please email if you can help.

We are working on coordinated fundraising events for this fall throughout the state. If you are interested in donating time, talents, or a venue, please send an email.

T-Shirt Special

Get a t-shirt during September for a \$15 donation! We will include shipping and a bumper sticker. Larger discounts available for multiple shirts.

[Donate now by clicking here.](#)

## Signature Drives

There are two days every weekend with tailgating parties at football games. These events have tens of thousands of people. We need every volunteer possible helping to collect signatures. Plan to carpool with other supporters if you do not have football games in your town. It is a guaranteed good time.

Other great suggestions for collecting signatures are at the beaches, courthouse steps, and concerts. Take signs to attract people and extra clipboards, too.

The only way we are going to get this accomplished is with everyone's help - and that means YOU! Please get involved with your local chapter.

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## Multiple Sclerosis Patients

The survey noted below can be done by MS patients or anyone who knows or cares for someone with MS. This is an excellent opportunity to ask them to support legal access to cannabis. It would be great to have the NMSS issue a resolution or position paper in support of taking cannabis out of Schedule I and making it legally available to patients. For those who may not know, Sativex, the oromucosal cannabis-based spray is legally available by prescription in Canada for MS patients and the clinical trials have been very supportive.

[National Multiple Sclerosis Society Survey](#)

Our largest opponent right now is apathy. Summer is over, leave your excuses at home. Get active collecting signatures. There are plenty of ways to get medical marijuana on the 2010 ballot. Don't let this opportunity pass us by.

Thank you for all of your efforts and support!

**Sincerely,**

Kimberly Russell  
Founder  
People United for Medical Marijuana

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