

Why is Marge Grant important to Wisconsin?

In 1961, Wisconsin residents Jim and Marge Grant took their infant son Scott in for a routine well-baby check-up. Afterwards, Scottie – as he is known – suffered irreversible brain damage stemming from the DTP vaccine, Quadrigen, which contained the antigens from diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, and polio organisms (in addition to other ingredients used to manufacture vaccines). Tragically, after vaccination, Scott Grant became a permanently non-ambulatory, spastic quadriplegic.

Physicians at Mayo Clinic, including esteemed pediatric neurologist J. Gordon Millichap, examined Scott in 1962 and confirmed that the vaccines Scottie received at four months, five months, and six months of age directly caused his permanent brain damage which resulted in severe motor and intellectual disabilities. For Scott's mother Marge Grant, this tragedy led to her life's mission. She became a lifelong national pioneer for vaccine safety and parental choice and co-founded Wisconsin Citizens for Free Choice in Immunization. Her organization successfully petitioned our Wisconsin state legislature, and in 1980 the Wisconsin legislature voted to allow personal, religious, and medical exemptions to vaccination, for school entry.

Wisconsin United for Freedom's mission is to preserve the law which Marge Grant, the parent of a severely vaccine-injured child, fought so valiantly to obtain for us in Wisconsin. Jim and Marge are no longer with us, but their youngest son Scottie remains a resident of Beaver Dam. He is 58 years old and requires 24-hour care due to the injury he sustained from the vaccines he received as an infant.

