

Susan Axelrod is Chair and founder of Citizens United for Research in Epilepsy (CURE). In 1998, Axelrod and other mothers, joined forces to search for a cure.

She has brought long-overdue media exposure to epilepsy, appearing on television news programs as well as special featured segments. Widely circulated PARADE and NEWSWEEK magazines featured Axelrod and her family's journey with epilepsy.

Axelrod has received numerous awards and honors for her leadership from Research! America, Child Neurology Foundation, and the American Epilepsy Society among others. She has spoken and served as a panelist at international conferences focused on medical philanthropy and advances, and has served on the NIH's National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke Council and as a reviewer for the Medical Research Program within the Department of Defense.

Axelrod received a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Chicago. The mother of three, she resides in Chicago with her husband.