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NEW @ RESEARCH1st

The Association announces its **research institute without walls** -- eight tightly integrated projects led by experts in diverse disciplines. Rather than expending precious funds -- and time -- to construct a bricks-and-mortar facility, we have attracted top institutions to put their best minds to work immediately. We function as director and connector, networking carefully selected



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projects, guiding progress and closely monitoring performance at every step.

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This morning at 7 a.m., the Association issued a **press release** through PRNewswire to announce the research institute without walls and a major gift from Laura Hillenbrand. The release was sent to top-tier media and medical, health, science and research-related media outlets. [Read the release here...](#)

The *Wall Street Journal's* Market Watch was the first to post [the release](#) and **Amy Dockser Marcus** covered the announcements in the WSJ's Health Blog:

["With help from author Laura Hillenbrand, drug repurposing comes to CFS."](#)

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The CFIDS Association of America

Working to make CFS widely understood, diagnosed, treated and prevented.



We have been honored to share stories about our **Catalysts**, supporters of [The Catalyst Fund](#). In science, catalysts are substances that change the rate of chemical reactions. "Positive" catalysts speed a particular reaction. For the CFIDS Association, Catalysts speed transformation through their support of our research program. Today we pay tribute to the collective action that has led up to today's announcements. We'd also like to spotlight two individuals whose contributions are immensely important:

- **Laura Hillenbrand's** writing has earned her many honors. The critical acclaim and popularity of her books, *Seabiscuit* and *Unbroken*, have given her an unparalleled platform from which to raise awareness and deepen understanding about CFS, a disease that has held her in its grip for 25 years. Today, we are humbled to share news of her exemplary commitment to the cause -- a \$250,000 gift to The Catalyst Fund. We are deeply honored by her trust and confidence, as we are the trust and confidence that every single donor demonstrates when they contribute to the Association.



- **James York** was the first person consented and enrolled in the SolveCFS BioBank. He was working as an underwater camera man and marine coordinator in the film industry when pneumonia turned into CFS in 2004. He participated in the BioBank as part of an odyssey to learn about CFS and cope with it. He also donates to The Catalyst Fund.

[Read more](#) about Laura's and James' support of the Association.

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The CFIDS Association of America

Our Mission:

For CFS to be widely understood, diagnosable, curable and preventable.


Our Strategy:

To stimulate research aimed at the early detection, objective diagnosis and effective treatment of CFS through expanded public, private and commercial investment.

Our Core Values:

To lead with integrity, innovation and purpose.

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