

A Letter from President Carol Head

With Dr. Nahle, I'm delighted to announce our 2016 Ramsay Award Program recipients. It's deeply gratifying to have the financial resources and scientific expertise to support new research work toward understanding this dreadful disease.

The Solve ME/CFS Initiative is a research organization with two distinct areas of focus. First, we do our own scientific research, under our Targeted Initiative Programs.

Second, the Ramsay Award Program, in its first year, is a core element in our support of the research of others. We understand that there are many researchers, from many fields of study, who are interested in exploring ME/CFS. The Ramsay Award Program offers seed grants to support the 12-month projects deemed most promising in moving the field of ME/CFS research forward.

These small grants are "proof of concept" investigations and fund small projects that can lead to much larger grants and additional in-depth exploration. Given the fundamental lack of understanding of the root cause(s) of ME/CFS, exploration of a widely dispersed set of potential causes will help ME/CFS come into focus.

The Ramsay Award Program is funded entirely by the patients and their loved ones who support our work, trusting SMCI to explore the most promising fields. This year, the Ramsay Award Program was primarily funded by a single, generous, anonymous donor who has long suffered with this disease. We strive to make our donors proud.

Onward,



Carol Head
President

