

Reflections from our President Oved Amitay

Dear friends,

Joining Solve M.E. during a national health crisis has been the challenge and honor of my career. This critical moment demonstrates the absolute necessity of a committed space for ME/CFS research and advocacy through a dedicated organization like Solve M.E.

It's been my privilege to lead the foremost national disease organization dedicated to the ME/CFS community. As we continue our fight to find a cure, we are thrilled with the progress we've made on all fronts of our organization.

In the past few months since I joined the incredible team at Solve M.E., our organization has made tremendous strides:

- We launched the [You + ME Biobank & Registry](#), reaffirming our commitment to driving research forward despite the physical limitations COVID-19 presented.
- We're now accepting applications for our 2020 [Ramsay Grant Program](#), which supports investigative research into the underlying causes of ME/CFS. With many labs closed due to COVID-19, we're focused on leveraging our Ramsay research network to collaborate on existing datasets and using the You + ME Registry to generate new hypotheses in an effort to adapt to COVID-era science.
- We led [webinars](#) providing an expert perspective on the growing concern about the connection between COVID-19, long haulers, and ME/CFS.
- We endorsed [H.R. 7057, The Understanding COVID-19 and ME/CFS Subsets Act](#), paving the way for the National Institutes of Health to make concrete investments in ME/CFS research, data collection, and education.

Now, as experts warn that ME/CFS cases will explode in the next two years in the U.S. following the COVID-19 pandemic, we recognize the enormity of our responsibility to this growing community.



We know that our work is made possible by the generosity of our patient advocates and community members, who continue to do above and beyond in demonstrating their partnership with Solve M.E.

Thank you.

While we continue working through these tumultuous times, we remain unwavering in our commitment to the ME/CFS community. Every moment we spend researching, advocating, educating, and planning is done in service of finding a cure for the millions of people who suffer from this disease. Now more than ever, our team at Solve M.E. is working tirelessly with our community members, and using every resource and tool at our disposal, to create a future that is free of ME/CFS.

Onward, with sincere gratitude and eternal hope,

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