

# Winter 2022 Donor Impact Report

We're optimistic about the scientific, medical, and legislative advances we'll achieve in 2022 – and we're so grateful you're by our side in this journey.

#### **MEETING THE MOMENT**

The Long Covid public health crisis has caused medical providers, researchers, government leaders, and news media to recognize the scope and severity of post-infection diseases, pulling ME/CFS into the mainstream consciousness like never before. We're seeing unique opportunities to increase understanding, awareness, and outcomes for the growing millions who suffer from these diseases.

#### **DECADES OF EXPERTISE**

Since 1987, Solve M.E. has served as a catalyst for critical research into diagnostics, treatments, and cures for ME/CFS. Through decades of partnership with the scientific, medical, and pharmaceutical communities, advocacy with government agencies, and alliances with patient groups around the world, we have remained a trusted leader in the fight against Long Covid and other "long haul" diseases.

#### DEMONSTRABLE TRUST – OUR BIGGEST GIFT EVER!

Our work is making a difference, and even new members of our community have noticed.

After learning about our efforts to fund, inspire, and inform post-infection disease research, a first-time donor was inspired to give us the **biggest gift our organization has ever received**. Tom, a real estate investor from Canada whose daughter suffers from ME/CFS, made an extraordinary contribution of **over \$3,000,000**!

Gifts like Tom's allow us to expand and accelerate our impact for patients in new ways, increase the size and scope of our Ramsay Research Grants, and expand our ambitious ME/CFS and Long Covid database, the You + ME Registry.

We are humbled by your collaboration, your time, and your contributions, and are energized in the fight to create breakthroughs for our community.



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The tremendously overlapping scientific realities of Long Covid and ME/CFS are bringing new scientific attention, money, and talent to try to solve these 'long haul' diseases. This synergistic environment encourages me that there is going to be an acceleration of progress, and Solve M.E. is going to be at the center."

> —John Nicols, Solve M.E. Board Chair

## We have big plans for 2022!

#### **2022 RESEARCH FORECAST**



#### WINTER

- Host leaders from Aim Immunotech for webinar about the experimental drug Ampligen
- Interview Stupski Award winners Efthymios Kalafatis and Jennifer Stone in You + ME webinars
- Partner with Hyperion Biotechnology to collect saliva samples for a fatigue biomarker study



#### SPRING

- Convene all Ramsay Grant winners since program inception for conference
- Announce 2022 Ramsay Grant applications cycle
- Launch You + ME Registry global ME/CFS portal

#### SUMMER

- Hosting a webinar with Ramsay Grant winner and ME/CFS and Long Covid researcher Dr. Jarred Younger
- Release preliminary findings from the study conducted with Hyperion Biotechnology
- Launching a new biobank aspect of the registry

#### FALL

- Opening You + ME Registry | Teen portal
- Announcing Ramsay Grant winners



#### **REGISTER FOR SOLVE M.E. ADVOCACY MONTH!**

Registration is open for congressional meetings in Advocacy MONTH, **May 2022**! This nationwide advocacy effort will connect people with ME/CFS, Long Covid, and other chronic illnesses; scientists, clinicians, and caregivers to share their unique stories with Congress.

The keystone events of Advocacy Month are our congressional advocacy meetings, taking place over three days:

- May 10: US House of Representatives
- May 11: US House of Representatives
- May 17: US Senate

No experience? No problem! We will make sure you have everything you need to conduct a successful meeting.

Visit our **advomonth.org** page to learn more and stay upto-date on events, training sessions, and our EmPOWER M.E. event!

### WHAT YOUR GIFT CAN DO!

**\$5,000** supports our Ramsay Research Grant program, to spur research into diagnostics, treatments, and cures.

**\$1,000** supports sample collection for You + ME Registry and Biobank allowing us to expand into genetic sequencing.

**\$500** will help outreach and collaboration with underserved communities to increase engagement through You + ME.

**\$250** will enable Solve M.E. representatives to advocate virtually with members of Congress and other federal agencies for increased funding for ME/CFS research.

\$120 will support Solve M.E. hosting webinars featuring ME/CFS thought leaders.

**\$50** will support the enrollment of a patient or a control in our You + ME Registry.

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