

September 7, 2017

Re: International Still's Disease Foundation, Inc. Dissolution

Still's Supporters,

For the last several years we have had the privilege to serve our community as leaders of the International Still's Disease Foundation, Inc. (ISDF). This foundation was incorporated by Bob and Carole Himes in 2001 following the loss of their adult daughter, Shelly, who lost her battle due to complications of Still's disease. The Himes' aimed to establish support systems, provide education, and facilitate research that would help those affected by this disease. The vision was one of "family," working together to overcome any challenges we face due to living with Still's disease. While this family started with a small core group of people, each year that has expanded to the wonderful group that exists today.

When Bob ("Dad") Himes passed in the summer of 2015, his passing left a deep void. Now with Carole ("Mom") Himes' health worsening, in addition to my continued health challenges, it is time to turn over our work to those who we believe can carry the vision into the future. *The organization dissolve is in name only; the resources, hard work, and community support will continue at our new home under the International Foundation for Autoimmune & Autoinflammatory Arthritis (IFAA), where the leadership can preserve our past efforts, embrace our current culture, and catapult efforts to a whole new level.*

IFAA has agreed to manage our online Facebook support group, Twitter account, and website (which is now called the International Still's Disease Information Center), so all of our resources will remain intact. They have also begun to develop additional awareness initiatives and are collaborating with the National Data Bank for Rheumatic Diseases to advance our research efforts. Also, just as all our years of work with remain, I will too, as I will become an Advisor for Still's Disease at IFAA. The primary goal is to make a transition that is as seamless as possible.

We could not have done our work without the generous donations from everyone through the years, and we thank you for those. Upon dissolution, ISDF will be passing along any remaining donations to IFAA so that they can continue our work in Still's Disease. We ask that you continue to support the work for Still's disease by sending your future donations to IFAA. You can learn more about IFAA and submit donations at Guide Star (<https://www.guidestar.org/profile/27-1214308#>) or their website at www.AIArthritis.org. Donations on the StillsDisease.org website is now also officially linked to them.

Since this is a new beginning for our community, we have chosen September 7th, 2017, Still's Disease Awareness Day, as the official transition day to symbolize a new chapter for Still's Disease advocacy, awareness, research, and support. We would like to tell every single person we have been in touch with in the past sixteen years because of the foundation that you have touched our lives greatly. Not only as people with Still's, but as our family. You have given us a purpose and a positive outcome to this disease through helping others. Thank you all!

We wish everyone our best,

Patricia L. Boerner, President, Retired

and

Carole Himes, CEO, Retired

Formerly the International Still's Disease Foundation, Inc.