

SCID Initiative

The Immune Deficiency Foundation is proud to announce the creation of a new Severe Combined Immune Deficiency (SCID) Initiative. Driven by requests from our SCID community, a new dedicated fund has been created for the purpose of supporting SCID specific programs including: education, awareness, diagnosis, newborn screening, and the search for a cure. The creation of the SCID Initiative is a new step for IDF, as this is the first disease specific initiative to be proposed by the organization. As another first, IDF has developed an oversight committee for the SCID Initiative fund which is comprised of community members with specialized interest and knowledge specific to SCID. It is hoped that the creation of the SCID Initiative will encourage IDF's members and supporters with an interest in seeing the development of new SCID programs, to step up by contributing specifically to the SCID Initiative. The program goals

that the SCID Initiative desires to accomplish cannot be met without community support and resources. The first program that the SCID Initiative supported was the SCID Conference 2008. More specifically, the SCID Initiative provided additional scholarships to assist families who might not otherwise have been able to attend.

The opening contribution to the new SCID Initiative has been made by Molly Rennels and her fiancé Nick Lazzara as part of their wedding commitment to one another. The donation is being made in memory of two members of Molly's family, Raleigh Houck and Colin Marquard, both of whom lost their battle with SCID.

Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the SCID Initiative should direct their contribution to: Immune Deficiency Foundation - SCID Initiative
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All contributions will be fully tax deductible, as are all donations made to Immune Deficiency Foundation.