Primary immunodeficiency diseases are a group of relatively rare disorders caused by intrinsic or genetic defects in the immune system. The World Health Organization recognizes over 150 of these diseases that affect thousands in the United States, regardless of age or gender. They are not contagious and do not include AIDS or other forms of secondary immune deficiencies.

Years ago, a diagnosis of a primary immunodeficiency disease often meant an extremely compromised life for the patient. Today, with early diagnosis and appropriate therapies, many patients live healthy, productive lives. Visit the Immune Deficiency Foundation’s Web site at www.primaryimmune.org for more information.

The Immune Deficiency Foundation is the national patient organization dedicated to improving the diagnosis, treatment, and quality of life of persons with primary immunodeficiency diseases through advocacy, education, and research.

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Wouldn’t it be great to have a place where, no matter where you’re from, you could get together with other teens and young adults who have primary immunodeficiency diseases (PIDD)? A place where you can share stories and videos and find friends all over the country? A place where you can be you?

Common Ground is that place.
It’s important to find a place where you can relax and share with friends who understand you, and where you can be you. Created by the Immune Deficiency Foundation, Common Ground is a spot where you can connect with other young people who understand what it’s like to live with PIDD. Join Common Ground to stay in touch with your friends, meet new people, share stories, and be active in your PIDD community. It’s a place like no other.

Join the community
At Common Ground, there are a lot of ways to meet people:

• View profiles
• Send messages
• Post on a forum
• Upload cool videos

And that’s just the start.

If you’d like to get more involved in Common Ground, join one of our teams!

E•Team – Are you hooked on Facebook? Use e-mails as lifelines? Can’t get enough of YouTube? Personalize your profile, lead and participate in discussion forums, or produce videos for the Video Channel. Join the E-Team and share your skills.

GO•Team – Calling all rising leaders! Love giving back to your community? Want to create PIDD awareness? Be an advocate, support your peers, be involved in fundraising, and attend IDF events. Sign up for the GO-Team and become an IDF volunteer.

Do you want in?
Sign up today at www.IDFcommonground.org. Stay in touch with friends, meet new people, find cool stuff, and live it up. Common Ground and the Immune Deficiency Foundation respect the privacy of everyone who joins the Common Ground community. Therefore, we are committed to keeping your information secure and confidential. Common Ground is a place where you can be you!