About the Immune Deficiency Foundation

The Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF), founded in 1980, is the national non-profit patient organization dedicated to improving the diagnosis, treatment and quality of life of persons with primary immunodeficiency diseases (PI) through advocacy, education and research. IDF provides accurate and timely information for patients and families living with PI and has made tremendous strides in:

- Helping the patient and medical community gain a broader understanding of PI through education and outreach efforts;
- Promoting, participating in, and conducting research that has helped characterize PI and given patients and physicians substantially improved treatment options;
- Addressing patient needs through public policy programs by focusing on issues such as insurance reimbursement, patient confidentiality, ensuring the safety and availability of immunoglobulin therapy, and maintaining and enhancing patient access to treatment options.

There are approximately 250,000 people who are diagnosed with a PI in the U.S., and thousands more go undetected. Individuals affected by PI often find it difficult to receive specialized healthcare, proper diagnosis and treatment. They also experience difficulties financing their healthcare, finding educational materials on the disease and locating others with whom to share their experiences. IDF helps individuals overcome these difficulties.

Thousands affected by PI depend on IDF for advocacy, education and empowerment. The constant presence of IDF assures patients, their families and their medical caretakers that there is a place to turn for help. Today, with early diagnosis and appropriate therapies, many patients with PI can live healthy, productive lives. To learn more, visit www.primaryimmune.org.

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