Our mission statement, affirming our dedication to improve diagnosis, treatment and quality of life for persons with primary immunodeficiency diseases, describes the goals of the Immune Deficiency Foundation (IDF). As we begin a new year, it is helpful to review the statistics behind our activities in 2015 as we start our work for the PI community in 2016.

In 2015:

Nearly 13,562 patients and healthcare professionals attended more than 184 IDF educational presentations in 105 cities in 32 states. The IDF 2015 National Conference in New Orleans drew more than 1,360 attendees.

IDF exhibited at 5 medical conferences as well as sponsored 7 LeBien Visiting Professor Programs as part of our medical outreach. 94 physicians utilized our Consulting Immunologist Program, and our online education course on Ig therapy for nurses issued its 958th certificate for this free, 5 credit course.

IDF ePHR, our electronic personal health record specifically developed for individuals and families living with PI, now has 2,290 health records. PI CONNECT, the IDF Patient-Powered Research Network, grew tremendously with 1,518 consented participants and was approved for a 3 year PCORI funding award.

Our nationwide network of volunteers created awareness by distributing thousands of educational materials and spoke to approximately 2,885 people during 89 visits to plasma centers. IDF Peer Support volunteers offered one-to-one encouragement to 526 individuals.

Over 3,500 walkers from 378 teams in 11 cities helped raise more than $440,000 for IDF Walk for Primary Immunodeficiency and when sponsor funds are included, more than $1 million was raised. National walks were held in Boston, Cleveland, Fort Lauderdale, Greater Chicago, Houston, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York City, Philadelphia and the Nationwide Virtual Walk. 2 community walks were held in Charlotte, NC and Omaha, NE.

IDF Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill resulted in approximately 75 patients, family members and stakeholders meeting with over 100 members of Congress. 14 calls to action were sent to our community, generating over 4,000 letters and calls to policymakers. The IDF SCID Newborn Screening Campaign saw 7 more states begin screening and as of January 1, 2016, 34 states are screening for SCID.

IDF’s patient advocacy services helped fulfill over 6,600 requests from patients and families seeking education, information and assistance. Locating a specialist was the number one need with over 1,100 requests.

IDF national patient surveys provide crucial insight into the personal impact of PI and in 2015, more than 3,743 patients and healthcare professionals participated in 7 IDF surveys.

The IDF newsletter is published three times a year, has a circulation of over 40,000. The monthly e-newsletter is sent to nearly 30,000. Our website boasts a 62% increase in visits over 2014. Our social networking sites, IDF Friends and IDF Common Ground, continue to grow with nearly 5,000 members. Add to that, 2 active blogs and the IDF Video hub for all our videos, watched more than 303,120 times.

More than 190,000 IDF educational materials were distributed to members of the PI community.

The United States Immunodeficiency Network (USIDNET), a program of IDF, is a network of leading immunologists who have joined together to advance knowledge in the field of PI. A key component is the patient-consented registry, which surpassed the 4,000 registration mark. USIDNET was approved for 5 more years of NIAID funding.

Adding it all up—2015 was a productive year!

Join us in 2016 and help IDF continue to provide the services, education, information and advocacy that our community needs and so richly deserves.