

Dear Friend:

It is a very exciting time in the field of osteogenesis imperfecta research and treatment and we wanted to take a few minutes to thank you for helping make this happen! Because of your generous support, the OIF continues to be a valuable partner in the Brittle Bone Disorders Consortium (BBDC) – a network of OI clinics and professionals around the country and Canada collaborating on exciting research. All studies are focused on improving treatments for people living with OI. To date the BBDC is involved with seven studies including a pregnancy study, an early stage drug therapy study, a scoliosis study, a biomarkers study, a quality of life study, a dental study and a craniofacial study. All research is being conducted because of the outstanding support of the OI community and your willingness to be involved in ground breaking research. Thank you!

As you know, research is just one of the priorities in the OIF's mission. Our mission also includes improving the lives of people living with OI through education, advocacy and mutual support. **We hope you will consider making a gift today to help us continue this important work!**

Looking forward to July 2018, we will be gathering in Baltimore, MD for the OIF's Biennial National Conference! The OIF's National Conference is the largest informational and social event for families and individuals living with osteogenesis imperfecta. Attendees include adults, children, and teenagers with OI; health care providers; and spouses, relatives, and friends of those who have OI. Whether an attendee is coping with a new diagnosis or just looking to expand their knowledge on OI, the National Conference has something for everyone.

One of the most remarkable parts of the OIF National Conference is Medical Consultation Day. We are so privileged to have members of the OI Foundation's Medical Advisory Council and OI specialists in the fields of genetics, orthopedics, pediatrics, hearing, dental, physical therapy, and more travel across the country to take part in complimentary one-on-one consultations with OI patients. These sessions are the perfect opportunity to get a second opinion on a diagnosis, ask about new treatment options, or simply find out where to begin. On one occasion, one of the participating physicians even called doctors from the conference to advise them on what medications a new OI baby should be receiving in the NICU. His mother credits this experience as the reason her son was able to go home a mere two months later.



Dr. Jeanne Franzone of Nemours A.I. duPont Hospital for Children in Delaware consults on x-rays for a National Conference attendee in Orlando, FL.

With your support we can continue hosting important programs like the OIF National Conference and complimentary Medical Consultations. These programs are life-changing and often have an immediate impact on members of the Unbreakable Spirit® community.

Even with all of the exciting research studies and conferences, the OI Foundation must still continue to meet the ongoing needs of the OI community for up-to-the-minute information and support. The OI Foundation answers over 7,000 inquiries annually from families, adults living with OI, students, educators, healthcare providers, employers, lawyers, and social workers seeking information and resources about living with OI. The OI Foundation's National OI Information Center is the only program in the United States dedicated to helping people understand and cope with this rare condition. Information provided by this program helps people understand the medical and genetic facts about OI, diagnosis and testing, clinical research updates, treatment options, and more. Support provided by the center is reliable, medically verified, and provided to inquirers in a timely manner.



Attendees joined by Dr. Francis Glorieux of Shriners Hospital for Children - Canada at the 2016 OIF National Conference in Orlando, FL.

Please consider making a gift of \$50, \$100, \$500 or more to the 50,000 Lives, One Unbreakable Spirit® campaign using the enclosed envelope or online at www.oif.org.

The OI Foundation has accomplished so much over the years. With your ongoing support, the OIF will continue our work to improve the quality of life for all people affected by OI.

Thank you, as always, for your generous support and have a wonderful holiday season!

All my best,

Tracy Hart
Chief Executive Officer
Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation