Mission Statement

The American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association, Inc. (AARDA) is dedicated to the eradication of autoimmune diseases and the alleviation of suffering and the socio-economic impact of autoimmunity through initiating, fostering, and facilitating collaboration in the areas of education, public awareness, research, and patient services in an effective, ethical, and efficient manner.
**Chairman of the Board Herbert G. Ford, D.Min.**

**President and Executive Director Virginia T. Ladd, R.T.**

If you could only sense how important you are to the lives of those you meet; how important you can be to the people you may never even dream of. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another. Those are the words of Fred Rogers, “Mr. Rogers,” whose gentle TV communication drew children (and others) to him over the years. What does that have to do with AARD A?

*When AARD A was founded in 1991,* we knew that autoimmune patients felt isolated and scared—and for good reason. Hardly anyone had heard of autoimmune disease, and it was not at the top of the discussion list at the doctor’s office. Delayed diagnoses created life-threatening, deadly situations. Even with a timely diagnosis, treatment options were few. The connections between various autoimmune diseases were relatively unrecognized. And what about the family connection? Enter the American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (AARD A).

*Mr. Rogers was right.* In 1991, we had no idea how significant AARD A as an organization would become; and how we, as individuals, would leave bits of ourselves as we shared our knowledge and experience with autoimmune patients and their families. Nor did we realize at that time just how many Americans were touched by autoimmune disease in one form or another. Very few epidemiology studies had been done. The word “autoimmune” was largely unknown or misunderstood although the turning point in the investigation into autoimmunity had been carried out in the 1950s by Dr. Noel R. Rose, an early mentor of AARD A and Chairman Emeritus of AARD A’s Scientific Advisory Board.

*Now we look at 2018*—still no cure but improved treatments and support for patients (no more “it’s all in your head”), very much the result of AARD A efforts. AARD A, and its loyal supporters and volunteers, have been on the front lines.

From our “View from the Top,” we are encouraged to see many results of our planning and implementation over the past years:

- **Autoimmune research** flourishing at the National Institutes of Health and a number of outstanding institutions—still underfunded but carried out by dedicated researchers
- **An outstanding, first-of-its-kind in the United States, national autoimmune diagnostic and treatment center**, the Allegheny Health Network Autoimmunity Institute, with which AARD A is a partner
- **A quarter million dollar research grant funded by AARD A to study the cost of autoimmune disease to society and answer the questions of whether coordinated care improves treatments for patients and reduces overall costs**
- **A functioning Autoimmune Research Network (ARNet) that enables investigators worldwide to enlist patients in clinical research studies**
- **AARD A-founded-and-facilitated 38-member National Coalition of Autoimmune Patient Groups (NCAPG) which increases the voice of autoimmunity in congressional briefings, Capitol Hill visits, and national media sources, and also gives representation to small groups supporting lesser known autoimmune diseases**
- **An effective AARD A Advocacy Committee that speaks out on local, state, and national levels**
- **“Let My Doctors Decide” state-wide campaign on step therapy**, the “fail first” prescription drug policy of insurers, that is preparing to go national as the “Let My Doctors Decide” campaign
- **Patient support on many levels**—telephone, public programs, AARD A-produced educational brochures, PSAs, print and social media, autoimmune awareness walks, webinars
- **Outstanding education and awareness events**—scientific symposia, congressional briefings, and annual autoimmune summits

We are privileged to bring you this annual “View from the Top,” a view of activity and gains made possible through the generosity and faithfulness of AARD A friends.

You are invited to join us—or continue with us—toward advancements in patient services, research discoveries, diagnosis opportunities, and treatment options. As Mr. Rogers suggested, “There is something of yourself that you can leave at every meeting with another.”

What part of yourself can you share?
A message from Kellie Martin, AARDA National Spokesperson

Whether I am solving fictitious crimes on “Hallmark Movies & Mysteries” or supporting the autoimmune fight, I play my role as realistically as possible. Touching me most deeply is the role of AARDA National Spokesperson. Nineteen years ago I accepted this volunteer position, determined to make a difference in the autoimmune world. Why did I care?

My family and I had gone through the agonizing experience of losing my younger sister Heather to lupus at the age of 19. Lack of diagnosis and misdiagnosis foiled all our attempts to find an answer to her rapidly failing health. Finally we received a diagnosis and started treatment—too late. What could I do in memory of Heather? How could I help? AARDA has been the answer.

Through media interviews, speaking opportunities at public and scientific meetings and congressional briefings, and face-to-face meetings on Capitol Hill, I have been privileged to carry the autoimmune message to varied audiences. Heather’s story has brought autoimmune awareness, education, and research opportunities. I have spoken for Heather, for the 50 million Americans afflicted with autoimmune diseases, and for my own two little girls who have been born into a family touched by autoimmune disease.

As I said in a Reader’s Digest interview some years ago, “I believe that just as important as keeping the memory of a loved one in your mind and in your heart is moving beyond the tragedy and doing something positive in their name.”

Can one person make a difference? Yes, each one of us who has been touched by autoimmune disease in some way, who knows the devastating effects of one or more of the 100+ autoimmune diseases, can find a role to play. Whether sharing our autoimmune stories with friends, bringing awareness to physicians and others in our local communities, offering in-kind or volunteer services to AARDA, or contributing financial support toward AARDA’s mission, opportunities abound.

Someone you know has an autoimmune disease—maybe you. If you already are active in the autoimmune fight, thank you. If you want to find your role, do as I did—contact AARDA. We welcome you.

Kellie Martin
AARDA National Spokesperson and dedicated AARDA Volunteer

A Commentary from AARDA Scientific Advisory Board Chair Betty Diamond, M.D.

A progress in the understanding and treatment of autoimmune disease continues. New therapeutics have been approved, and many more are under investigation in the clinic.

There are three areas of worth highlighting this year that represent new approaches to autoimmune disease.

First, an intense effort has been made over the past several years to identify those at risk for developing an autoimmune disease or those with early evidence of an autoimmune disease. This knowledge is now being translated into early interventions to prevent the further development of clinical disease. In both type 1 diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis, there are ongoing prevention studies. While it is unrealistic to expect dramatic results from these studies, there is reason to be optimistic that we will develop strategies to retard or prevent the development of disease in some individuals.

Second, the role of the microbiome, especially those bacteria that live in the gut, has been the subject of increasing scrutiny in autoimmune disease. The excitement generated by studies suggesting that a particular bacterium or group of bacteria can predispose to an autoimmune disease rests on the idea that altering the gut microbiome will diminish disease activity. Studies in laboratory models support this idea.

Third, the introduction of what are called “checkpoint inhibitors” as immunotherapy in cancer has shown much promise in controlling tumor growth, but it also has led to autoimmune disease in a substantial number of patients. While this is a regrettable side effect of therapy, it provides a window into early disease and more information on the immune perturbations leading to autoimmune disease.

Opportunities to gain new knowledge continue to outstrip resources. We must continue to make sure that the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and other organizations that fund biomedical research have the necessary support for their mission. AARDA will continue to be a voice for this in Washington, DC, and in communities throughout the country.

—Dr. Diamond heads the work of AARDAs Scientific Advisory Board (SAB) which has members from six countries. Each member actively participates in the work of the SAB through speaking, reviewing proposals, serving in advisory capacities, and representing AARDA as requested. These outstanding researchers and physicians form a truly working Scientific Advisory Board.
Major Accomplishments During FY 2018

Research
- Provided grants to five researchers in the “Young Investigators” program: Allegheny Singer Research Institute; University of Michigan (2); Feinstein Institute for Medical Research, Northwell Health; and Johns Hopkins University.
- Supported the 18th Annual Meeting of the Federation of Clinical Immunology Societies (FOCiS), San Francisco, CA.
- Formed partnership with the Allegheny Health Network Autoimmunity Institute.
- Provided a quarter of a million dollars to fund a study on the cost of autoimmune disease and whether coordinated care will improve the diagnosis and treatment of autoimmune disease and save healthcare costs.
- Contributed funds for autoimmune research at Brigham and Women's Hospital; Johns Hopkins School of Public Health, Noel R. and Deborah Rose Center for Autoimmune Disease Research; and Massachusetts General Hospital.
- Supported three Johns Hopkins University Diversity Summer Interns for mentored autoimmune research projects.
- Continued to monitor growth of the internationally available Autoimmune Research Network (ARNet).

Education (Patient, Public, Scientific)
- Sponsored, cosponsored or supported the following:
  — “Individually Rare, Collectively Common: How Environmental Health Science Helps Us Understand and Prevent Autoimmune Disease,” with Friends of the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, American Thoracic Society, and Endocrine Society, Washington, DC.
  — Interdisciplinary Autoimmune Summit 2018, Boston, MA.
  — “Infection and Autoimmune Disease,” and “Autoimmune Disease and Cancer Immunotherapy” scientific symposia.
- Presented three webinars: “The Doctor-Patient Relationship,” “Self-Advocacy and Clinical Trials,” “Q & A with Dr. Rose.”
- Colloquium, “Cancer Immunotherapy and Autoimmune Disease,” Washington, DC.
- Symposium, “Infection As a Trigger for Autoimmune Diseases,” Washington, DC.
- Presented Autoimmune Summit, “A National Summit on Autoimmune Disease,” Washington, DC.
- Continued support for organizer/facilitator of AARD A scientific meetings, Noel R. Rose, M.D., Ph.D., Pathology Dept., Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA.
- Maintained social networking sites (Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Instagram).
- Published quarterly lay-friendly newsletter InFocus.
- Maintained 24-hour toll-free request line.
- Provided referrals and autoimmune disease information during office hours.
- Continued to expand and facilitate community information services through free presentations, educational brochures, and newsletters to numerous health-centered meetings and events (CA, CT, DC, FL, GA, IL, MA, MD, MI, NC, NV, NY, OK, SC, TN, VA, WA, WI, WV).
- Maintained and expanded Local Contact list with support groups as available.

Advocacy and Awareness
- Enhanced autoimmune awareness through appearances and interviews by AARD A National Spokesperson Kellie Martin and AARD A Ambassador Kyle Marcelli.
• Continued to expand the Autoimmune Partners Council (patient groups, corporations, other institutions), including Council newsletter
• Continued facilitation of the National Coalition of Autoimmune Patient Groups (NCAPG)
• Provided interviews and information for news media; had major advertisements, articles (or acknowledgement), and editorials in local and national publications, including USA TODAY, Washington Examiner, The New Yorker/Detroit, and “Billboard Music Awards” program
• Provided public comment and testimony to the Federal Drug Administration (FDA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).
• Began the expansion of the Michigan step therapy campaign “Let MI Doctors Decide” to a national campaign, “Let My Doctors Decide
• Addressed access to medicines, step therapy, and cost of drugs in state advocacy activity (MA, MI, NH, NY, OH, OR, SD, WA)
• Provided comment on the discussion draft on S.1113 regarding the need for reform in the cosmetic industry to ensure that such products are safe under intended use
• Staffed booth at the American College of Rheumatology Conference, San Diego, CA

Fundraising
• Continued to encourage and provide support for “grassroots fundraising,” including the digital Grassroots Newsletter
• Continued to expand the Autoimmune Disease Awareness Walks schedule (OK, MI, NY, VA, CA) and provide support for Virtual Walks
• Sponsored the 18th AARD A Annual Fund Raiser in the Greater Detroit area (an AARD A national event)

Administration
• Maintained the following ratings:
  —Charity Navigator Four Star Charity
  —Better Business Wise Giving Alliance Charity
  —Best in America Certified by America’s Best Charities
  —GuideStar Platinum Participant
• Continued to meet all standards of the National Health Council (NHC), Washington, DC, and continued as an NHC member group
• Maintained membership and active participation in the International Alliance of Patients’ Organizations (IAPO)
• Continued standing in the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC)
• Maintained membership in the Health & Medical Research Charities of America
• Held combined management and fundraising costs at 6 percent of total expenses (compared with 25 percent acceptable for nonprofit organizations)

Virginia Ladd presents 2018 Champion Award to AARD A volunteer Jaclyn Selby for “exceptional efforts on behalf of AARD A and those we serve.” Also receiving a 2018 Champion Award was corporate supporter Pfizer for “providing 18 years of underwriting AARD A’s annual fund raiser, providing educational funding, and supporting AARD A’s mission.”

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Certified Public Accountants
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

The Board of Directors
American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association Eastpointe, Michigan

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the statement of financial position as of September 30, 2018, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor’s Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor’s judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, based on our audit, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of American Autoimmune Related Diseases Association as of September 30, 2018, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

May 14, 2019

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## AMERICAN AUTOIMMUNE RELATED DISEASES ASSOCIATION, INC.
### STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES
**For The Year Ended September 30, 2018**

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## AMERICAN AUTOIMMUNE RELATED DISEASES ASSOCIATION, INC.
### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
**For The Year Ended September 30, 2018**

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<td>49,272</td>
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### Expenses:

| Program services: | | |
|-------------------|| |
| Education | 669,166 | 0 | 669,166 |
| Public awareness | 832,506 | 0 | 832,506 |
| Research | 815,090 | 0 | 815,090 |
| **Total program services** | 2,316,762 | 0 | 2,316,762 |
| **Supporting services:** | | |
| Management and general | 50,027 | 0 | 50,027 |
| Fundraising | 106,060 | 0 | 106,060 |
| **Total supporting services** | 156,087 | 0 | 156,087 |
| **Total Expenses** | 2,472,849 | 0 | 2,472,849 |
| **Change in Net Assets** | (268,110) | 49,272 | (218,838) |
| **Net Assets, Beginning of Year** | 1,241,362 | 195,354 | 1,436,716 |
| **Net Assets, End of Year** | **$ 973,252** | **$ 244,626** | **$ 1,217,878** |
**Major Contributors in Fiscal Year 2018**

**Major In-Kind Contributors**
- Advocate.com
- Catherine Bear
- Tom Christie
- Sean Donahue
- Dr. Stanley M. Finger
- FX Group
- Google
- Stephanie Hales
- Richard Hodges
- Johns Hopkins University
- Michael Linn
- Kellie Martin
- Wes Metheny
- Michigan Rheumatism Society
- Michigan Society of Gastroenterology

**Nurses and Associates**

**NORM**
- Michelle Ouellet
- Dr. Robert Phillips
- Dr. Noel R. Rose
- Sidley Austin LLP
- David Simpson
- Lilly Stairs
- Todd Graphic Design
- USA Today
- Washington Examiner

**Individual, Corporate, and Foundation Donors**

**Contributions $20,000 and Over**
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- Allergan USA, Inc.
- Anonymous
- Facebook Fund Raisers
- Genentech, Inc.
- Eli Lilly and Company
- Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals
- Pfizer, Inc.
- PhRMA
- Race for Relapsing Polychondritis
- Takeda Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc.

**Contributions $5000 thru $19,999**
- Bell Charitable Foundation
- Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)
- Brave Dave Foundation
- Brave Dave Open
- Maco Callicott
- Earl M. & Margery C. Chapman Foundation
- Dr. Nat & Jill Linhardt
- Novartis FSC
- The Ratcliffe Family Gift Fund
- Robert A. Waller Foundation

**Donations $1000 thru $4999**
- *for the 50 th 5K Walk*
- A Women's Evening with Music event
- Anonymous
- Autoimmune Disease Awareness Fund raiser
- Autoimmune Wellness
- Scott & Ann Barnhouse
- Dr. Marvin Bellin
- Law Offices of David H. Black
- Bailey Chauncey
- Ed & Judy Christian
- Kellie & Keith Christian
- Carole Cooper
- Robert & Eleanor Demple
- Family Foundation
- Deters Family Charitable Fund
- Greatest Commandments Foundation, Inc.

**Donations $250 thru $999**
- William Allemone
- Emily Alter
- Margaret Alvarez
- Fred & Silvia Antman
- Marilyn Assiff
- David Asbury
- Anna Bear
- Shan & Don Breckenridge
- Brinker International (Maggiano's)
- Laurence Broussard
- Elizabeth Campo
- Cause Fund, Inc. (Kids Cause Day event)
- Ann Marie & Jeanne Cavitt
- Marybeth Champion-Garhe
- Mimi Chen
- Ahvua Cices
- Marilyn Clague
- Angela Clarke
- Sandra Cobb
- Edward Conolly
- Conyngham Family Charitable Foundation
- Erik & Edith Cornelissen
- County of Oswego Department of Social Services (Casual Day event)
- Miranda & Christina Cosgrove
- Mandene Costa
- Pamela Cotton
- CPC Code Breakers, LLC
- Sheila Cruz
- Scarlett Dillard
- Donovan Family Charitable Fund
- Alice Dorn
- Andrew & Maryan Dunnet
- Duro Dyne National Corporation
- Linda Feist & Roger Jumila

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- Akiva Fleshcer
- Chuck & Susan Gaidica
- Glassybaby White Light Fund
- John & Mary Sue Ginzburger
- D. Kenneth Halle
- Anne Hammell
- Charles Harris
- Nancy Harris
- Chris & Maggie Hatch
- Jason Hautala
- Barbara Hayes
- Dr. Edward Hecker
- Jan Hewlett
- Ellen Hipsky
- Chip & Angela Holloway
- Tracy Holloway
- Holy Innocents' Episcopal School ( bake sale)
- Angela Howk
- Iota Elementary School (4-H club fund raiser)
- Sharon Jacobs & David Cohan
- Andy Jones
- Ralph & Sherry Jones
- Geoffrey Karny
- Joy Kavanagh
- Steve & Lynn Kieffer
- Patrick Kinlan
- Kevin Kitze
- Jill Kiviat
- Susan Klass
- Suzanne Klein
- Rita Konetzka
- Chris Kovel
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- Heathert Kupets Harris
- Rick & Eileen LaGrotta
- Lisa Lawson
- Joan & Jeffrey Less
- Michael & Rosalie Linn
- Linda MacAfee
- Mr & Mrs. John Maloney
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- Marli Mannelli
- Steve Martin
- Donald McFarland
- Michigan Health & Hospital Association
- MidMichigan Health
- Kimberly Mirowsky
- Patsy Morgan
- Michael & Kara Mozina
- Denise Nass
- National Christian Foundation
- Rocky Mountains
- NYU Langone Health, Division of Rheumatology
- Schubert Ogden
- Eunice Oor
- Harrer & Richard Orland Family Charitable & Educational Foundation
- William Padnos & Margery Kaye
- L.P. Perrett
- Dianne Peterson
- The Pilates Body Clients
- Rebecca Pine
- Kristyn Poopert
- Margaret Powell
- Princeton Consulting Group
- Protek Devices
- Kenneth Pullig
- Sarah Ramsay
- Brianna Runk
- James Ryan
- Whitney Salmon
- Margarita Schweisberger
- Jaclyn & Scott Selby
- Rollin Simon
- Surety Lender Services
- Kathleen & Daniel Thornberry
- Paula & John Troha
- Twitch.tv Live Streams fund raiser
- Jell & Joanne Urbanowski
- Petra Weakly
- Carol Lynn White
- Carol Williams
- Charles Wolford
- Karen Yager-Rizzo

**Payroll Campaigns & Matching Gifts**
- AT & T
- AbbVie Foundation Employee Engagement Fund
- Allstate Giving Campaign
- American Express
- Bank of America
- Battelle
- Bright Funds Foundation
- Chevon
- Chubb Charitable Foundation
- City of Seattle
- Commonwealth of Virginia Campaign
- Dell Giving
- Exelon Corporation
- IBM Employee Services Center
- Independent Charities of America
- Jillson & Roberts
- JP Morgan Chase Foundation
- Merck
- PepsiCo Foundation Employee Giving Program
- Razoo Foundation
- Shell Oil Company
- Simons Foundation
- The Capital Group Companies, Inc.
- United Way California Capital Region
- United Way of Central & Northeastern Connecticut
- United Way of Central New Mexico
- United Way of Greater Philadelphia & Southern New Jersey
- United Way of Wyoming Valley
- Walt Disney Company Foundation
- Wells Fargo Community Support Campaign

**Other Contributors and Friends**
- Space does not allow us to include the names of all persons and organizations who gave their financial support to AARDA, but we say *Thank You* again as we give this recognition in honor of their generosity.

**Memorials and Tributes**
- Since it is our policy not to release amounts given for these donations, we take this opportunity to express our appreciation again to all the kind donors. Every contribution has been acknowledged to the donors, to those persons honored, and to the families of those held in memory.
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