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Tidbits and Information About the Foundation

In 2005, the National Office received 13,348 requests from people seeking information or referral.



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There are now more than 175 Scleroderma Foundation support groups in the United States and Puerto Rico.



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Two chapters—Texas Bluebonnet and Southeast Florida—hired their first executive directors in the last year.



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The Scleroderma Foundation website (www.scleroderma.org) receives an average of 43,000 hits each day.



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There were 44 grant applications filed for the 2006 research funding cycle. This is the largest amount in SF history.



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In 2005 our media research indicates that 222 million "impressions" were made. (This means 222 million people saw news about the Foundation.)



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There were 31 *Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma* walks in 2005. In 2006, 43 walks are planned.



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The Scleroderma Foundation has a paid membership of 7,232 people in the United States and worldwide.



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Racing for Life, an off-road motorcycle team, has dedicated this year to raise funds for the Scleroderma and Lance Armstrong foundations. (www.racingforlife.org)



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The Foundation's weekly eLetter has nearly 7,700 subscribers and is sent to 15 nations.



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Southeast Florida's Al Abram was awarded a "Point of Light" award by Florida Governor Jeb Bush in honor of Al's service to the scleroderma cause.



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The Greater Chicago Chapter had its first annual statewide Advocacy Day in March. It is hoped this event will result in increased awareness in Illinois.



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The National Office receives an average of 225 emails a month seeking information and/or health assistance.



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There are 1,804 members of the Scleroderma Foundation who do not live within a chapter territory—these members are independent.



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For 2005, the National Office mailed out 6,938 Scleroderma Information Packs (SIPs), an increase of four percent over the previous year.



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All told, *Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma* walks in 2005 raised more than \$1 million. We are on a pace to exceed this amount in 2006.



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Seven researchers received Foundation funding for the 2006 cycle—five of them are new investigators.



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The Scleroderma Foundation is the only full-service organization for persons with the disease—providing support, referral, research funding, and many resources.



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That one of the most visited pages on the Foundation's website is the "Get Connected" Bulletin Board, our 24/7 online chatroom.



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Dr. Frank Arnett, a member of the SF Medical Advisory Board, received the national 2006 Distinguished Medical Educator award from TIAA-CREF.



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Southern California's annual *Key to a Cure* gala featured a rare appearance by Peter Cetera, who performed all of his #1 hits. The event raised \$165,000.



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The National Gala, hosted by the Tri-State chapter, featured jazz legend Roger Kellaway and was hosted by Paul Shaffer from the David Letterman Show.



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The Texas Bluebonnet Chapter celebrated its 10th anniversary in November 2005 with a special event featuring Jason Alexander.



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April Simpkins (Tennessee), Lee Roy Jones (Minnesota), Teresa Nadeau (Alabama), The Wallin Family (Washington), and the LeDonnes (New England) are featured in the Foundation's print advertising campaign.



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The Missouri Chapter had a fruitful time recently as some of its members lobbied members of its Congressional delegation to support scleroderma research.



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One of the Greater San Diego Chapter's fundraising and awareness events is a fishing derby.



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Research by Galina Bogatkevich (and partly funded by SF) has identified the mechanism that causes African Americans to die from lung fibrosis at higher rates than Caucasians.



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In the past year, SF members have been featured in the *New York Times* and *Reader's Digest* and on the Discovery Health Channel.



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The Foundation logo is on either FX, Fox, TNT and NBC weekly when our NASCAR awareness partner Kenny Wallace races.

