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Dear Friend,

Today is **#GIVINGTUESDAY** - a day where people participate in a global effort of giving and celebrating generosity. So, I wanted to take this opportunity today to share our gratitude and highlights from 2015.

On behalf of the Scleroderma Foundation Greater Washington, DC (SFGWDC) Board of Directors, I want to thank you for being a member of our community, for sharing your stories with us, and for your strength and courage, as we work together, to confront the challenges of scleroderma. I also want to thank our contributors for their donations and our dedicated volunteers. With your help, we provide support services and educational opportunities for individuals and their family members affected by scleroderma. We appreciate your commitment to our work!

This year has been very exciting! In March, we hired an executive director, Carole Bernard, to help take our Chapter to the next level. She has created standard operating procedures, enhanced the Chapter's presence on social media platforms, launched a new e-newsletter to communicate with our members and other constituents, and coordinated our first Patient Education Conference in October. In addition, the chapter held its Annual Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Greater Baltimore 5K Walk/Run, and we offered several Maryland Support Group meetings that helped to connect people and scleroderma experts.

As we work on our 2016 strategic work plan, we would like to get your feedback and input. We have created a survey that we would like for you to fill out and complete. It will only take a few minutes! Your responses are anonymous and will provide us with important information. **Please click [here](#) to fill out the survey.** Thank you in advance for your participation, as it will help us to better meet the needs of our constituents!

We are proud of all that we have accomplished in 2015, and we look forward to continuing to build upon this momentum in the New Year!

Warm regards,

Mary Beth Tourbin

MAKE A DONATION TODAY

No amount is too little and no gesture is too small when it comes to helping our scleroderma community!

With your generous gift, we can build upon our successes, increase our reach to provide critical support services, and help to improve the quality of life for scleroderma patients and their families.

Click [here](#) to donate and to discover the many ways you can make a contribution to our efforts!



We are very grateful for your support, and we wish you and your loved ones a safe holidays and a happy New Year!

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