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**What is your direct relationship to the scleroderma community?** My daughter Grace was diagnosed with scleroderma at age eight in 2015. She has diffused scleroderma which has affected 80 percent of her skin, systemic sclerosis with lung and esophagus involvement and interstitial lung disease. I lead the Parents of Scleroderma Juvenile Patients Support Group, which includes speaking to various students of schools of medicine in Michigan, educating them about Scleroderma. I organize various awareness events such as participating in the Holiday Lights Parade in downtown Northville for scleroderma awareness, and I have been working on several fundraisers to create a juvenile scleroderma program in the state of Michigan. I have attended three scleroderma national conferences.



**Why have you chosen to serve as a member of the board for the Scleroderma**

**Foundation Michigan Chapter?** I have chosen to be a member of the Scleroderma Foundation Michigan Chapter board, because it is very important to me to be a part of the solution. This disease is so rare and not very well known. Having the experience with the disease and the success in treatments that my daughter has had, I feel that it is our duty to help educate and make others aware. Most importantly it is my dream to find a more comprehensive and successful treatment approach that is consistently covered by insurance, and eventually a cure for scleroderma.

**What else would you like us to know about you?** My family and I lived in China for eight years. I have two exceptional kids and a wonderful, hard-working husband. I have a BFA in fine art photography and I am an alumni of the College for Creative Studies. I love art and photography, although I don't have much time for it these days. I love Asian culture and food as well as Chinese and Japanese tea. I am a huge animal advocate and adore saving animals and finding their "fur ever" homes. I have three rescue cats, two of which are from China. I'm a bit of a foodie and I love local organic foods and shopping at farmer's markets. I love to travel and experience new places, cultures and historical sights.

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