Dear Friends,

2020 was a year that brought us incredible growth as an organization and as individuals during a global pandemic. We have redefined what growth can mean in a way that we might not have otherwise found. TMS, with our core value of Patients First, has extended its reach even more to engage our patients and families through Patient Voice Forums, physician webinars, and over 20 online support group meetings during the isolating COVID19 time. We embrace inclusiveness and unity throughout the mast cell disease community globally.

We are the messenger, bringing the true, inspirational patient experience, through data collection and analysis, to the attention of the physician investigators at European Competence Network on Mastocytosis (ECNM), American Initiative for Mast Cell Disease (AIM), and ultimately the medical community through publication of our findings. Our goal is to effect measurable changes in recognition, diagnosis, testing, and treatment of all forms of mast cell disease, with transformative improvements in quality of life for our patients and families.

2021 brings new opportunities, and with strong partnerships, we can and will achieve even greater impact for supporting our community and advancing research of mast cell diseases.

Lauren Denton, MA
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Executive Director
Chair, Board of Directors
Our IMPACT

Network of over 10,000

300+ Donors
20 Online Support Groups
4 Patient Voice Forums
3 Community Events

Over $500,000 granted since 2010

Every year, our community shows its generosity as donors make a contribution to TMS to advance research and understanding of mast cell diseases. TMS continues its partnership with the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma & Immunology (AAAAI) to support mast cell disease research and lead to finding a cure. In 2020, a joint call for proposals was released with a grant of $60,000 to be awarded in 2021.

2020 Board of Directors
Chair Valerie Slee, Vice Chair Jan Hempstead, Interim Treasurer Rose Schultz, Secretary Gail Barbera, Courtney Rabb. Emeritus: Rita Barlow.

2020 Medical Advisory Board

OUR MISSION

The Mast Cell Disease Society is dedicated to providing providing multi-faceted support to patients, families, and medical professionals in our community and to leading the advancement of knowledge and research in mast cell diseases through education, advocacy and collaboration.

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