



December 13, 2017

Mr. Bill Ward  
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Dear Bill,

This holiday season, I want to thank you and the entire Tall Cedars family for all you do to help MDA save and improve the lives of individuals and families in our communities. Your partnership and support are truly transforming lives — giving families more time with the ones they love most thanks to new scientific breakthroughs, improved care and programs that help individuals thrive.

As you know, years of research supported by MDA and made possible by partners like you have led to this moment — the most exciting time in the history of muscular dystrophy treatment and care. In 2017, the FDA approved another drug to treat muscular dystrophy, bringing the total to four MDA-funded drugs in the past 24 months alone. Today, new clinical trials are underway that hold great promise for the next breakthroughs to treat neuromuscular disease.

This incredible progress is only possible because of selfless partners like you. And it's only with your help that MDA will be able to keep this momentum going. Here are a few of the things you can expect from MDA in the first quarter of 2018:

- Announce new research grants for promising projects that could lead to the next scientific breakthroughs
- Convene hundreds of clinicians and neuromuscular disease experts at our MDA Clinical Conference to discuss new approaches and techniques to manage care, the latest clinical trials and more
- Unveil results from a study detailing the needs and gaps of individuals and caregivers living with neuromuscular disease so we can continue to transform the health care experience for families
- Enhance the information we provide online, at our Care Centers and local offices and via our National Resource Center for families when and where they need us
- Continue with a quarterly informational WebEx so our partners can hear first-hand updates from MDA

As we all take time to reflect on the past year this holiday season, please know how personally grateful I am to you and everyone at Tall Cedars for your continued commitment and support. I believe the future is about defying limits, just as MDA families do every day. Together with your support, we'll continue to defy limits in our shared goal to end muscular dystrophy. We look forward to partnering with you on new and innovative ways to drive your business and create meaningful opportunities to engage in the New Year and beyond.

Thank you again, and happy holidays!

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