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Dear Friend,

When faced with a rare disease like vasculitis, hope becomes more than just a word—it becomes the foundation for healing, resilience, and transformation. This 2025 Annual Appeal, we invite you to join us in celebrating the power of hope.

For Jessica Lopez Ricard, diagnosed with GPA in October 2021, hope began during a hospital stay when she discovered our organization. Once defined by fatigue, rapid weight loss, and repeat flares, Jessica now runs again, manages her business, and advocates for others. Her message to newly diagnosed patients: ***"Vasculitis will not define who you are. You are always in control, even if it doesn't feel that way initially."***

"Despite multiple flares and painful experiences, I found renewed purpose and I discovered hope in appreciating days that weren't guaranteed before," Jessica shares. *"Vasculitis initially felt defining, but it has become just a piece of a puzzle that has contributed to a better version of myself."*

Hope also carried Isabel Darwin and her teenage son, AJ, through his c-ANCA GPA diagnosis in 2023. After months of misdiagnosis and a critical hospitalization, Isabel turned to us for guidance and support. ***"The VF reduced our fear,"*** Isabel shares. ***"Hearing other families' journeys gave us perspective and hope for better treatments and outcomes."***

Thanks to your generous support, we continue to bring hope by:

- Funding cutting-edge research that brings us closer to new treatments—and a cure
- Expanding educational programs like Navigating Your Vasculitis Journey
- Creating supportive communities through conferences and support groups
- Advocating for early diagnosis and expert care through our "Find A Doctor" tool and awareness initiatives

Every dollar brings us closer to a world where vasculitis is no longer life-altering—connecting patients with community, guiding families with trusted information, and advancing research that transforms lives. As we enter 2026, we'll be celebrating our 40th anniversary. Join us as we look back with gratitude and forward with determination, building a future filled with hope and possibility.

Thank you for being an essential part of this journey.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Joyce A. Kullman
Executive Director
Vasculitis Foundation