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Dear Friend,

Forty years ago, a small group of determined individuals came together with a simple vision: ***no one should face vasculitis alone***. Thanks to supporters like you, that vision has grown into a global community bringing hope and answers to thousands of families.

Today, as we celebrate the Vasculitis Foundation's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and vasculitis awareness month, that vision has become a global movement—and you are at the heart of it. Four decades of progress. Four decades of hope. Four decades of lives transformed.

Together, we've made remarkable progress by:

- Investing \$3 million in 80+ research studies pioneering precision medicine and steroid-sparing treatments
- Establishing 26 vasculitis centers across 11 countries, ensuring expert care growth
- Connecting hundreds of thousands to life-saving support, education, and community worldwide
- Reclaiming countless lives—patients thriving, pursuing careers, and building futures they thought were lost

None of this would be possible without supporters like you. This year's Community Heroes embody the extraordinary impact of our collective journey. Our five honorees have shaped the vasculitis community in powerful ways: advancing research breakthroughs, training the next generation of specialists, turning diagnosis into advocacy, strengthening our global community, and offering hope to families navigating their darkest moments.

These heroes remind us that progress isn't just measured in research dollars or programs launched—it's measured in lives reclaimed, families reunited with hope, and futures made possible.

Yet our work is far from finished. Patients still wait months—or even years—for accurate diagnoses. Families still search desperately for expert care. Researchers continue searching for better treatments—and, ultimately, a cure.

Your gift today helps patients and families find answers sooner, connect with others who understand their journey, and access expert care. It expands programs like *Navigating Your Vasculitis Journey*, strengthens support groups, and fuels the research that brings us closer to a cure.

Forty years ago, someone believed that change was possible. Today, because of supporters like you, we've proven them right. Tomorrow, we'll continue writing this story together—one breakthrough, one connection, one life at a time.

As we celebrate 40 years of progress, will you make a gift today to help power the next 40? Join us in celebrating how far we've come and building the future we envision: a world where vasculitis is no longer life-altering, where every patient finds expert care, and where hope is never in short supply.

Thank you for being an essential part of our first 40 years. Here's to the next 40—and to the lives we'll transform together.

With gratitude,

Joyce A. Kullman, Executive Director

***P.S.*** In honor of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, your gift can help ensure that no one faces vasculitis alone. Please make your gift today to help power the next 40 years of progress.