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Dear Family and Friends of the Cure JM Foundation,

Two families set up a lemonade stand on a street corner in Encinitas, Calif., several years ago. Their goal: raise money and awareness about a terrible disease affecting their children.

From that humble beginning rose the Cure JM Foundation, which this month celebrates five years of **providing support for families coping with JM, raising awareness and funding research that will lead to a cure.**

Our all-volunteer foundation, which has always been managed by families of children affected by Juvenile Myositis (JM), has achieved much in that time, including:

- Raising over \$1.5 million dollars for research and awareness.
- Helping establish JM research programs at Children's Memorial Research Center in Chicago and The George Washington University in Washington, D.C.
- Giving thousands of JM families hope and support through national education forums, the [www.curejm.org](http://www.curejm.org) Web site and assisting with "Myositis and You," the first book solely dedicated to JM.

Coinciding with this great occasion, the Cure JM Foundation is pleased to announce the election of its new officers, effective Oct. 1, 2008:

- **Rhonda McKeever**, chairman. Rhonda is a vice president for PepsiCo, Inc. In addition, she helps lead EnAble, an employee network focused on assisting employees with different abilities and needs. Rhonda has led Cure JM's two national fundraisers and educational forums.
- **Jacque DenUyl**, chief financial officer. Jacque has a master's degree in accounting and is a former CPA. Jacque has helped with last two national events and has been a ParentWISE (Parent Wisdom In Shared Experience) volunteer for the past year in Dr. Lauren Pachman's JM clinic at Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago.
- **Patti Lawler**, secretary. Patti has a master's in oncology nursing and she is a clinical supervisor in a large outpatient oncology practice. Patti has more than 15 years of experience working with nonprofit organizations.

Continuing on the Board of Directors are Cure JM co-founders **Shari and Tom Hume**. Cure JM co-founder **Harriet Bollar**, has assumed a new role as chairman of the Research



Review Board. Lastly, we are thankful for having **Lisa Forgas** and **Robert Slater** continuing to be on our group's Advisory Council.

The new slate's first act is to thank its outgoing officers -- Harriet Bollar (chairman), Connie Radzwion (president), Mary Stepp (CFO) and Suzanne Printz (secretary) -- for their passion, their countless hours of work and all they did to help to grow Cure JM to what it is today.

Next, thank you to everyone who has helped make Cure JM Foundation so successful in five short years, whether it has been through fundraising, participating on our Web discussion board, creating awareness of JM in your community or by serving on the board of directors.

We also want to thank the many health professionals who have helped JM families through their expertise, continued perseverance with research, and passion to help all the children and young adults with JM.

We look forward to serving you in our new roles,

**The Cure JM Board of Directors – Rhonda, Jacque, Patti, Shari and Tom**

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**PS** - Please consider joining us to celebrate our 5th anniversary in Carlsbad, CA on Jan 23-25th, 2009. The event will include a fundraising event and an educational forum. We have several leading specialists presenting research updates -- including Dr. Lauren Pachman, from Children's Memorial Research Center, Dr. Lisa Rider, from National Institutes of Health, and Dr. Gulnara Mamyrova from George Washington University Myositis Center -- we are working on inviting other specialists too. Please considering supporting our efforts and joining us in CA -- see the attached details.