FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
Dear Friends on the AMENSupport Board and Medical Advisory Board,

Our Marketing and Business Manager, Sherri Gardner Howell, and I have the luxury of living about 20 minutes from each other, so, while a lot of AMENSupport work is done through email and phone, we have the luxury of occasionally getting together to work in her home office, or mine, or at the AMENSupport office.

We didn’t realize how much we relied and enjoyed that face-to-face time until COVID-19! And when you see Sherri, and she tells you that one of her crazy friends actually brought a LAWN CHAIR over to her house and sat – 6-feet-apart – in the front yard to visit with her... THAT WAS ME!

The value and healing power of human contact is very real.

At the same time, thank the good Lord for technology that helps keep us connected. AMENSupport was able to tweak and keep moving forward with the plan of work we had originally outlined with the Board of Directors at the beginning of 2020. And we have made some real strides, as you will see in this newsletter.

Every day, I see the power of connections in our Facebook Community. A member asks a question about MEN tumors in reproductive organs, 70 community members respond with information and links to studies. Another asks for prayers and good thoughts for her son, 35 offer her support and healing wishes. Every week we welcome more and more members, and the majority jump right in with comments and questions.

We are thankful and blessed to be able to keep this group going. And we are thankful for your contributions as a board member, friend or part of our medical advisory board.

Here’s to a HAPPY and HEALTH summer!

The Best of Health,

Linda Hageman, RN
AMENSupport Executive Director

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FACEBOOK UPDATE: AMENSupport

As of last count earlier this month, we have 2,230 members on our AMENSupport Community Page! We are excited and extremely humbled by this number, as these are REAL people who are out there fighting for either themselves or a loved one who has been touched by MEN.

Our page remains interactive and, for the most part, positive, offering the most up-to-date and factual information we can find on MEN. Our moderators, especially Linda Hageman and Mark Lewis, are vigilant and dedicated to checking and monitoring the information we link to and offer our community.

If you are not a member of our group, please join. Even if you are a “reader” who doesn’t want to engage in the dialogue, you will gain factual information about MEN Type 1 and Type 2A and 2B.

You will also be inspired and touched by the spirit of the people of AMENSupport Facebook Community!

https://www.facebook.com/groups/177981375642525/?ref=bookmarks

With face-to-face seminars and conventions off the table for 2020, we were SO HAPPY that part of our focus even before COVID was to reach out to the doctors on the front lines of early MEN diagnosis with our Introduction to MEN booklet, second printing.

We still had close to 2,000 booklets in stock from the second printing of 3,000, so the decision was made to budget a project to start sending out the booklets to doctors we weren’t seeing at the conventions we attend. In other words, those who need this book but don’t know anything about our existence!

We are building a good data base as we go, thanks to ELIZABETH RICHTER-TARVER. To date, more than 1,800 booklets have been mailed to just over 600 endocrinologists and endo surgeons!
WEBSITE UPDATES ON WWW.AMENSUPPORT.ORG

We try hard to make sure our website is up-to-date with informative articles and links to cutting-edge studies on MEN, as well as a few easy-to-understand explanations. Here are some of the newest additions. The link will take you straight to our website and the link to the article. (Our site works best in any browser except MicroSoft Edge.)

http://amensupport.org/2020-news-on-men/

Mary Brooke Maher did this adorable cross-stitch for our executive director! If you have ever done any kind of needlework, you will join me in saying: WOW!!!

Priscilla Peacock enjoys a little sunshine on the deck at her home in Louisville, Tennessee.

We think people will be able to find us at upcoming conferences with our NEW 6-foot banner!
WE SAID IT LAST NEWSLETTER, BUT WE NEED TO SAY IT AGAIN: THANK YOU, HEALTH CARE WORKERS, FOR ALL THE SACRIFICES YOU ARE MAKING TO TAKE CARE OF YOUR PATIENTS. WE KNOW THIS IS NOT “NEW” FOR YOU, BUT THESE DAYS ARE SURELY PUSHING YOU TO NEW DEPTHS OF WEARINESS AND CONCERN. OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH YOU.

WATCH our Facebook page and Website this summer for these EXCITING NEW things from AMENSupport:

➡️ Peacock Paraphernalia Store: We hit a few glitches, but the target date for our Peacock Paraphernalia Store is now to be open in late July.

➡️ Meet Your Facebook Friends: “Getting to know YOU” kicks off next week with two of our own, followed by two friends from our Facebook page. Check out our Facebook page daily so you don’t miss it!

➡️ NOT on the road... Still: During these periods of no travel and canceled conferences, our executive director has been keeping busy by attending the webinars offered by NORD, AAES and others. Everything has been cancelled for 2020, so we will regroup in 2021!

➡️ Facebook Live: We haven’t dare ask our overworked medical friends, but this is definitely still in our plans: Taking your questions and setting up a Facebook Live Q & A on MEN.