OIF Hosts First-Ever Virtual National Conference

On July 10-12, 2020, OI community members came together (virtually) to participate in the virtual Unbreakable Spirit® Walk-n-Wheel, attend information sessions led by OI experts, and connect with new and old friends during virtual social events. The OIF Virtual Conference sessions reached almost 900 registrants, representing thousands of individuals and families from across the globe, and making it the largest OIF Conference ever!

The Virtual Conference information sessions (Welcome and Research Update, Basics of OI/Genetics, Pediatric Health Panel, Adult Health Panel, Managing Pain and Fatigue, Mild OI Forum, Surgical Treatments, Dental Session, and Closing Session) were recorded and are available to community members and physicians who were unable to attend at www.oif.org/virtualconference.

We kicked off the OIF Virtual Conference with the first-ever Virtual Unbreakable Spirit® Walk-n-Wheel! Across the United States, Canada, and even as far as Uganda, people came together virtually to support the OI Foundation and raise OI awareness during the first-ever Virtual Unbreakable Spirit® Walk-n-Wheel! Together we raised over $60,000 to support the OIF’s mission to improve the quality of life for those living with OI through research, education, awareness, and mutual support. Thank you to our wonderful co-chairs Mark Birdwhistell, Stephanie Greenwood, and Dr. Maegen Wallace for making this event such a success. To watch the recorded Walk-n-Wheel Zoom call, please visit the OIF Facebook page.

COVID-19 Resources from the OI Foundation

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, the OI Foundation has hosted a series of video sessions to connect OI community members with experts to discuss COVID-19 related topics. Session topics have included Medical Updates, Orthopedic Perspectives, Mental Health and Self-Care Strategies, Healthy Eating, Employment Accommodations, and more.

To watch the recordings of these sessions, visit the OIF podcast webpage at www.oif.org/podcast.

Stay tuned for information about upcoming community calls hosted by the OI Foundation! Information will be shared on www.oif.org and on the OIF Facebook page.

UPDATES FROM THE OIF
stay up-to-date with the OI Foundation at www.oif.org/updates!
Join Us at a Virtual OIF Gala!

We would like to extend a special thank you to the local committee members and attendees for supporting the OI Foundation through Fine Wines Strong Bones events. You have helped support our mission to serve the OI community through creating new information resources, funding research, facilitating support groups, and raising awareness during these unprecedented times. We are proud to announce that our 2020/2021 virtual Fine Wines Strong Bones season is off to a great start with events that have raised more than $80,000 so far! To learn more about Fine Wines Strong Bones events, please visit www.oif.org/events.

While we are sad we cannot be together in person this year, the health and wellness of our OI community members comes first. With a new virtual platform, OI community members from across the US can sign on for a fun-filled evening to support the work of the OI Foundation. We rely on events such as these to continue our important work.

4th Annual Strong Bones Virtual Gala Boston
On October 10, 2020 the OI Foundation hosted its first-ever virtual Fine Wines Strong Bones event led by Board of Directors member Christine Wyman Rossi, former Board of Directors member Dick Wyman, and the rest of their amazing host committee! This heartwarming event with a masquerade theme included an online auction, special video presentations, live raffles, home-delivered charcuterie, and the opportunity to fund the mission of the OI Foundation! Together we raised $43,000 to support the important work of the OI Foundation.

Virtual Boots & Bling for Better Bones
On November 7, 2020 the OI Foundation held its second virtual Fine Wines Strong Bones event hosted by our amazing Houston host committee for the 4th annual Virtual Boots & Bling for Better Bones! This fantastic evening with a cowboy chic theme featured an online auction, a live performance from Weldon Henson, special video presentations, Goode Company BBQ, live raffles, and the opportunity to fund the mission of the OI Foundation. Together we raised $35,000 to support the work of the OI Foundation.

*SAVE THE DATE!*  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2021**
Virtual Fine Wines Strong Bones DC
Mark your calendar to attend the upcoming virtual Fine Wines Strong Bones DC event! The event will feature incredible auction items, video presentations, and so much more!

There are still more Fine Wines Strong Bones events being planned! If you are interested in helping with an existing event or if you think your city would be a good location for a Strong Bones Gala or a Fine Wines Reception, please contact Melissa Bonardi at MBonardi@oif.org or 301-947-0083.

Warm Up with a Bone China Tea this Winter!

Do you have extra time on your hands this winter? Invite your friends and family to enjoy a warm cup of tea by hosting a Bone China Tea fundraiser benefiting the OI Foundation. From the comfort of your own home, you can help make a difference in the lives of those living with osteogenesis imperfecta. Simply invite your guests to enjoy a cup of tea at home and then make a gift to the OI Foundation with the money they may have saved by not going out to a real event. All you pay for is the postage when sending your Bone China Tea invitations! Order printed invitations – complete with a tea bag – by contacting Christina Teufert at cteufert@oif.org or 301-947-0083.
*NEW* OIF Resources

**Navigating a New Diagnosis: A Tool Kit for Parents and Medical Professionals**

The *Navigating a New Diagnosis* tool kit, sponsored in part by Minnesota Neonatal Physicians in memory of Michael Johnston, provides guidance for parents and medical professionals caring for a child with a recent osteogenesis imperfecta diagnosis. Readers will find information and resources on topics including pregnancy, diagnosis of OI, types of OI, caring for a newborn with OI, and fracture care. The tool kit also highlights related OIF resources and provides information to share with your doctor.

To download your copy of the *Navigating a New Diagnosis* tool kit, please visit [www.oif.org/factsheets](http://www.oif.org/factsheets) or contact the OI Foundation at bonelink@oif.org.

**What You Need to Know About Clinical Trials**

While the OI community and the entire world eagerly await a coronavirus vaccine, we want to briefly explain the importance of clinical trials and how people with OI can get involved in helping expand medical knowledge. View the OI Foundation’s new resource, the *What you Need to Know About Clinical Trials* fact sheet, at [www.oif.org/factsheets](http://www.oif.org/factsheets).

**VIRTUAL OFFICE HOURS**

The OIF Information Center invites you to learn more about foundation resources, ask questions, or just drop in to say hello during the OIF Virtual Office Hours held every Tuesday.

*All OI community members are welcome!*

[www.oif.org/virtualofficehours](http://www.oif.org/virtualofficehours)

Questions? Email OI Health Educator Jessica Ransome at jransome@oif.org.

**OI CLINIC DIRECTORY**

from the OIF Information Center

**The OI Clinic Directory has a new look!**

The OI Clinic Directory was created to assist OI community members in locating dependable multidisciplinary medical care in their area. The directory, organized by state, provides details, contact information, and website links for each clinic, hospital, and bone health program listed.

To view the OI Clinic Directory on the OI Foundation website, please visit [www.oif.org/clinicdirectory](http://www.oif.org/clinicdirectory).

*Do you know of an OI Clinic/Program or a physician with experience with OI that you think should be included on our lists? Please email bonelink@oif.org to share this information with us.*
OIF COVID-19 Survey Results

In July, the OI Foundation sent a survey to members of the OI Registry to help us better understand how the COVID-19 pandemic is affecting families and individuals living with OI. Thank you to the 199 community members who filled out the survey! We are excited to share the responses!

The impact of the pandemic is changing daily. We will be sending a second survey out in early 2021. So, if you missed the first survey, please be sure to enroll for the next one! To complete the survey, you must be a member of the OI Registry.

To sign up for the OI Registry, go to www.oif.org/OIregistry. Participants receive information about upcoming studies and online surveys about OI. Sign up today to help move OI research forward! For questions, contact the OIF via email: bonelink@oif.org or telephone: 301-947-0083.

Overview

Of the survey respondents, 145/199 (73%) were women and 182/198 (92%) were white. The average age of respondents was 39.4 (range 0-84), and 159/199 (80%) of respondents were the individual with OI. For race, 7/198 (3.5%) responded Asian, 3/198 (1.5%) responded Black or African American, 2/198 (1.0%) responded American Indian or Alaskan Native, and 4/198 (2.0%) responded Other. 20/199 (10%) respondents self-identified as Hispanic, Latino or Spanish Origin, while 5 (3%) preferred not to say. For self-reported OI type, 100/199 (50%) of respondents said they had Type I OI, while 48/199 (24%) reported Type III, 25/199 (13%) Type IV, 6/199 (3%) Type V. Of the 19 respondents who said Other, 14 (7%) did not know their type. Of the 4/199 (2%) of respondents who believed they had COVID-19, none responded that they needed to go to the hospital.

Day-to-Day Activities

While some respondents faced work and school changes due to the pandemic, most were able to transition to online or remote employment/school. Many respondents have been able to stay completely at home during the pandemic by switching to delivery services or having friends/family bring over food and other supplies. While most respondents said they had no difficulties in obtaining supplies, challenges faced included grocery shortages, delivery delays, local food access, mobility/pain, going to store less frequently, and fear of sanitation of purchased goods. Most respondents 170/194 (87%) said they were able to stay home and typically work remotely, however 24/194 (12%) continued working in person.

Access to Care

Initially, stay-at-home orders may have impacted the OI community’s ability to access care, the majority of respondents were still able to communicate with their healthcare provider, either in-person or via telemedicine/telephone. Only 10/199 (5%) noted their care was interrupted or they could not communicate with their healthcare provider, and 49/199 (25%) did not attempt or need to communicate with their clinician. Fracture or other injury were reported by 48/199 (24%) of respondents after March of 2020, but of those, little more than half of respondents 27/48 (56%) sought care for their injuries.

Healthy Habits

Exercise: 106/199 (56%) people said they were less active than before the pandemic started, while only 20/199 (11%) said they were more active. For the OI community, decrease in activity is a source of concern as it can lead to muscle loss and reduced bone density.
Vaccines: There were 50/189 (26%) respondents who did not get the influenza (flu) vaccine in 2019, and only 53% of adults older than 50 have ever gotten the Pneumovax vaccine. Additionally, 32/189 (17%) said they would be a) not very willing or b) not at all willing to get a COVID-19 vaccine. Research demonstrates that the flu vaccine reduces the risk of having to go to the doctor for the flu by 40-60%. Similarly, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce flu associated hospitalizations, and reduces the severity of illness in individuals who do get sick (CDC). For seniors 65 and older, the pneumococcal vaccine has been shown to prevent pneumococcal pneumonia in 9 of 20 individuals (45%) (CDC).

Mental Health: The COVID-19 pandemic and related consequences have been a major cause of worry for the OI community. When asked about how stay-at-home orders and isolation have affected mood and behavior, 10% reported very much, 19% quite a bit, 56% somewhat, and 15% not at all.

Important Findings
- A large portion of the OI community has become less active. Health advocates believe that “movement is life.” Therefore, the OIF will provide new opportunities to encourage OI-appropriate exercises and activities.
- The OIF recommends that community members take the flu and Pneumovax vaccines in order to maintain the best possible pulmonary health. Of note, many pharmacies are offering drive-thru vaccine stations. To view locations where you can receive a flu shot in your area, use the Vaccine Finder at www.vaccinefinder.org.
- Anxiety and/or depression have been a challenge for many individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic. The OI Foundation has held two community calls on this topic, focusing on resiliency and self-care (available at www.oif.org/podcast) as well as sharing numerous resources for addressing the pandemic, and will continue to offer similar events in the future.

Next Steps: Please enroll in the OI Registry and plan to participate in the next OI COVID-19 survey in January 2021!
Shriners Hospitals for Children is a health care system with locations in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Our staff is dedicated to improving the lives of children by providing pediatric specialty care, conducting innovative research, and offering outstanding educational programs for medical professionals.
Join the OIF Book Club!

Kick off your week with a good book – join the OIF Book Club!
How it works:

1. **Find a sponsor!** Ask your family members and friends to support your reading efforts. You can have as many sponsors as you want!
2. **Read books. . . raise money!** For every book you read, have your sponsor(s) match it with a donation. The more books you read, the more money you will raise! Share photos of the books you read on social media using #OIFBookClub!
3. **Win cool prizes!**

   The OIF Book Club is for students, adults and readers alike who enjoy the company of a good book and want to help support the work of the OIF. Your participation directly supports the OIF’s mission to improve the quality of life for those living with osteogenesis imperfecta through research, education, awareness and mutual support.

Visit [www.oif.org/campaign/OIFBookClub](http://www.oif.org/campaign/OIFBookClub) to get started!

Stay on Track with Your Health!

The OI Foundation encourages community members to talk to their doctor and/or their child’s doctor about scheduling vaccines and regular care appointments, as it is important to keep current with preventative care.

Find out where you can get a flu vaccine near you at [www.vaccinefinder.org](http://www.vaccinefinder.org). Many locations offer easy drive-through services or make ahead appointments.
Dear Friend,

Thank you.

Those two simple words have never held more significance than they do now. And that thank you is for every single one of you in the OI community, your family, your friends and your co-workers. When the pandemic hit several months ago, we were all scared, we were all concerned. The easy and sensible thing to do would have been to worry about ourselves and close our circle. Understandably so, because COVID-19 not only intensified the challenges of OI, but it made us adjust our very lifestyle. But you did just the opposite. You didn't close your doors. You opened your arms and you connected. It was powerful, and it really, really worked. Because of that, this community has never been stronger or more connected. So, again, thank you.

Within weeks of the COVID-19 pandemic hitting the US, the OIF virtual experiment was well underway. We knew now, more than ever, people with OI were relying on you and us for support and information to meet day-to-day challenges, to stay strong, remain resilient and maybe most importantly, connect emotionally. Honestly, we had no idea what this reality would look like or if it would even work.

Then, something even more magical happened. Hundreds of you joined us for the first in a series of online sessions about living with OI during the COVID-19 pandemic. Over weeks and months, we expanded topics to include mental health and self-care; telehealth visits; diet and nutritional guidance; and employment accommodations. We could barely keep up with your requests. Then came our first Virtual National Conference in July. At the time, it felt a bit unfair. We all wanted to be together in Omaha, the way we were two years ago in Baltimore. What we didn’t know then was how relatable this virtual venture would be to the OI community. There were no travel concerns, no financial hurdles. And it not only worked, it was amazing. Of the thousands of individuals who joined us online – from the United States, Canada, Scotland, Egypt, Australia, South Korea, Japan, Jordan, Germany, Norway, Brazil and Ecuador, to name just a few – nearly half were attending their very first conference. Over the course of two days, we talked about topics such as pediatric health concerns; mild OI; managing pain & fatigue; surgical treatments; dental treatments; and the very latest research. And what you told us after it was over, was that in spite of the distance, this was the best conference ever. We helped set the stage but you turned an event into a community gathering.

In October, long-time OIF board member Christine Rossi launched what would be our first-ever virtual fundraiser. It was monumental. We laughed, a few folks cried. We played games, we celebrated and we learned about each other. And while we didn’t do it face-to-face, there was no lack of camaraderie. While we’re hoping the COVID-19 pandemic is a temporary circumstance, this is our reality and we’re doing everything we can to make the very best of it. But, as always, we need your help.
Supporting the OIF as 2020 comes to a close, ensures we can meet the needs of the OI community well beyond this critical time. It’s still imperative that we stay focused on our mission, and to do that we must continue to support things like:

- Creating more virtual programming, including conferences, support groups and fundraising events. We’re continuing to develop new and creative ways to connect the entire OI community because no one should have to face OI alone.

- Providing resources and the most accurate information to help guide and support individuals living with OI and our medical professionals alike.

- Expanding awareness beyond our existing boundaries and channels to better connect patients with practitioners.

- Funding research, like the nearly two dozen Michael Geisman Grants we’ve awarded to encourage new investigators to begin a career in OI research. As we continue to expand our reach globally, the 2020 Geisman Fellow is Dr. Francesca Tonelli from the University of Pavia in Italy.

For those of you who are able and would like to contribute to the OIF’s mission during this time of extreme need, go to www.oif.org/donate or return the enclosed envelope with your special gift. You’ll be helping us face the unique challenges that come with this unpredictable climate. Now, more than ever, a single dollar goes a long way.

On behalf of the OIF staff, our medical professionals and the Board of Directors, here’s wishing you a safe and healthy holiday season and a wonderful New Year. I’m not sure 2021 can come fast enough!

All the best,

Cameron Penn
President, OIF Board of Directors
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Enter the OIF Good Stuff Sweepstakes!

It’s that time of year again! Time for you to take a chance in the OI Foundation Good Stuff Sweepstakes. Don’t miss out on your opportunity to win a two-month HelloFresh subscription, Microsoft Surface Laptop, or $200 Amazon gift card. Each entry into the Good Stuff Sweepstakes has a suggested donation of $5 but donation is not required for entry. All money raised goes directly to supporting the OI Foundation. Enter today at www.oif.org/Sweepstakes!

Discover your inner chef with a two month subscription to HelloFresh. HelloFresh, is a meal-kit service that will provide you with three recipes a week to feed two people. Valued at $350.

Working from home or taking classes online? Upgrade your technology with a brand new Microsoft Surface Laptop 3 with a 13.5" display and 128GB of storage. Valued at $1,000.

Treat yourself to a shopping trip at one of the world’s largest stores! The Amazon Gift Card offers endless possibilities delivered right to your door. Valued at $200.

Enter early to be eligible to win an early-bird prize!

Calling all DIY-ers! Find everything you need to start your next project with a Home Depot Gift Card. Home Depot is the largest home improvement retailer in the United States. Now offering curbside pickup! Valued at $150.

Deadlines:

Early Bird Drawing: Entries must be postmarked no later than November 30, 2020
1st, 2nd, 3rd Prize Drawings: Entries must be postmarked no later than January 8, 2021

By entering the Good Stuff Sweepstakes, you are helping the OI Foundation produce new information resources, fund research, provide answers to more than 11,000 requests for information per year, and facilitate support groups across the country. Thank you for your support and GOOD LUCK!

Return the enclosed form or go to www.OIF.org/Sweepstakes to enter
OIF Medical Advisory Council

Even before it was officially incorporated, the OI Foundation has benefited from the volunteer service of a team of medical advisors. Since the 1970’s, the Medical Advisory Council (MAC) has been comprised of outstanding men and women who have experience in research and the many clinical care specialties related to OI. Over the years, MAC members have made discoveries that advanced our understanding of the genetics of OI and improved clinical care. Each MAC member must not only have extensive experience in OI, but also be a leader in his/her special area of medical practice. All current MAC members have published in peer-reviewed medical journals.

MAC members volunteer their time and expertise to review OI Foundation publications, and to advise the OI Foundation’s CEO, staff, and Board of Directors on the implications of new research discoveries and new medicines or treatments related to OI. They answer questions from the OI community and from the medical community, and attend meetings in their specialty areas as representatives of the OI Foundation. MAC members also speak at OI Foundation national and regional conferences, participate in the OI Foundation’s annual scientific meeting and every 3 years in the International OI Scientific Meeting. We are so grateful for the hard work and dedication of our Medical Advisory Council members!

OIF Medical Advisory Council Members:

Francis Glorieux, OC, MD, PhD (Chairman)  
Peter Byers, MD  
Hollis Chaney, MD  
Paul Esposito, MD  
Deborah Krakow, MD  
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Cathleen Raggio, MD  
Frank Rauch, MD  
David Rowe, MD  
Robert Sandhaus, MD  
Jay Shapiro, MD  
Peter Smith, MD  
Reid Sutton, MD  
Laura Tosi, MD  
David Vernick, MD  
Matthew Warman, MD  
Michael Whyte, MD

Learn more about the OIF’s Medical Advisory Council members at www.oif.org/mac.
Updates from the OIF Information Center

The OI Foundation Information Center receives around 11,000 inquiries per year. We receive telephone calls, emails, mail communications, and faxes from community members around the world. Not only do we seek to provide information related to the inquiries we receive; we are constantly searching for ways that inquiries can help us do more. We love to hear from our community members! Feel free to reach out to us at bonelink@oif.org. You can also visit the Online OIF Information Center at www.oif.org/informationcenter.

Learn more about new and recent programs and resources from the OI Foundation below.

*NEW PROGRAM*
OIF Virtual Office Hours

Did you know that the OIF hosts Virtual Office Hours every Tuesday at 12:00pm-1:00pm EST and 6:00-7:00pm EST?

Drop in to learn more about OIF resources, ask questions, or just to say hello! Learn more at www.oif.org/virtualofficehours or contact OIF Health Educator at jransome@oif.org.

COVID-19 Resources from the OI Foundation

The OIF hosts virtual sessions to help members of the OI community stay up to date on the current COVID-19 pandemic and the impact it may have on those living with OI. Hundreds of attendees have participated in the live sessions and thousands more have viewed recordings on the OIF’s website and YouTube. To watch the recordings of these sessions, visit www.oif.org/podcast.

Virtual OIF Conference – Session Recordings Available

Another new program was the first-ever Virtual OIF Conference! From July 10-12, physicians and community members led over a dozen virtual sessions on a broad spectrum of topics. Recordings of Virtual Conference information sessions are available to watch at www.oif.org/virtualconference.
OIF Programs for Medical Professionals

The OI Foundation recently launched virtual programs and collaboration opportunities for medical professionals. To learn more about these programs, visit www.oif.org.

Resources for OI Clinic and Bone Health Programs

In September, the OIF held the first OIF Town Hall Meeting for OI Clinics and Bone Health Programs. This meeting provided OI and Bone Health Programs across North America the opportunity to share experiences, discover research opportunities, and learn more about OIF resources. The OIF also recently launched an e-newsletter specifically for OI Clinic and Bone Health Programs.

OIF Young Investigators Symposium

Another new program the OIF has created to support physicians and researchers is the OIF Young Investigators Symposium. This virtual event provided an opportunity for medical students, graduate students, researchers, and faculty within 10 years of their last graduate degree to present their work on OI and other rare bone diseases. As a pre-meeting to the larger International Conference on Children’s Bone Health Virtual Forum, this event brought attention to the next generation of OI researchers.

While the OIF is proud of its new programs, events, and services, we can always improve our work. Go to www.oif.org to learn more about our programs, and contact us at bonelink@oif.org if you have any questions or feedback.

Osteogenesis Imperfecta TeleECHO Series

In October, the OIF welcomed over 90 medical professionals to the inaugural meeting of the Osteogenesis Imperfecta TeleECHO Clinic Series. This program, a partnership with Project ECHO, is a virtual professional development opportunity for physicians and medical professionals. In these multi-disciplinary monthly sessions, OIF Medical Advisory Council (MAC) members and other OI experts lead presentations and discuss patient cases on a variety of topics related to OI care. These sessions help “democratize knowledge” through the sharing of expertise and help build capacity to diagnose and treat OI safely and effectively. The faculty include Frank Rauch, MD; Jeanne Franzone, MD; and Sandesh C.S. Nagamani, MD.

OI TeleECHO Faculty

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OIF Medical Advisory Council
When children are your everything, Anything can be.

The Metabolic Bone and Osteogenesis Imperfecta Clinic at Children’s Hospital & Medical Center in Omaha is recognized worldwide for our expertise. From surgical care to bone-strengthening infusions, our multidisciplinary team of compassionate health care professionals are trained and experienced in treating and managing children with OI. Meeting your family’s needs in one convenient location, our team works together to ensure the most effective, comfortable and customized care for your child.

To find a pediatric OI specialist for your child, call 1.800.833.3100. or visit ChildrensOmaha.org/OI
Meet the OI Foundation Staff!

The Osteogenesis Imperfecta Foundation is the only voluntary national health organization dedicated to helping people cope with the problems associated with osteogenesis imperfecta. Members of the OIF office staff are driven by the mission of the Foundation – to improve the quality of life for people affected by OI through research to find treatments and a cure, education, awareness, and mutual support. Meet the staff members of the OIF national office below!

**Chief Executive Officer**  
Tracy Smith Hart thart@oif.org  
Responsible for: strategic oversight of the national offices’ operations, budget and planning; coordination of advocacy efforts; liaison with related organizations; and liaison with Board of Directors.

**Chief Program Officer**  
Erika Carter ecarter@oif.org  
Responsible for: oversight of information and resources for families and medical professionals, scientific and research meetings, national conference and liaison with Medical Advisory Council.

**Executive Assistant**  
Jenny Stup jstup@oif.org  
Responsible for: clerical, administrative and reception support for CEO and COO. Key responsibilities include: answering phones; order fulfillment; office volunteer supervision; office equipment and supply maintenance.

**Bookkeeper**  
Janeen Hamad jhamad@oif.org  
Responsible for: financial statements; accounts payable & accounts receivable; day-to-day operations of Foundation offices; computer services and support.

**Director of Development**  
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Responsible for: corporate sponsorships and donor relations, coordination and support of OIF fundraising events and campaigns including National events such as Fine Wines Strong Bones events, the National Unbreakable Spirit® Walk-n-Wheel, and board-driven fundraising efforts.

**Program Associate**  
Christina Teufert cteufert@oif.org  
Responsible for: supporting the OIF Program and Development Departments, coordination of peer to peer fundraisers such a Bone China Tea and OIF Book Club.

**Communications Manager**  
Danielle Cymber dcymber@oif.org  
Responsible for: management of OIF communications and outreach including electronic and printed newsletters, webpage updates, and social media pages.

**Health Educator**  
Jessica Ransome jransome@oif.org  
Responsible for: Preparation and distribution of education materials that reflect the many needs of people living with OI, providing OI program information to constituents and the general public, maintaining databases, mailings lists, telephone networks and other information to facilitate the functioning of the health education program.

**Director of Education**  
Michael Stewart mstewart@oif.org  
Responsible for: development of virtual and in-person educational programming, including: organizing the OIF’s public COVID-19 Q&A calls, managing the Rare Bone Disease ECHO and OI ECHO programs, coordinating content and event logistics for the OIF Regional Conference program; and supporting outreach to promote the OIF mission in key communities in the United States.

**Database Manager**  
Desiree Swain dswain@oif.org  
Responsible for: membership services and member database management; processing of donations and related correspondence; maintenance of memorial/honorarium listings.

To get in touch with the OI Foundation, please email bonelink@oif.org, or call (844)889-7579!

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The OI Foundation office has moved!  
The OI Foundation office is now located at the address above. You can still reach us by phone at (301) 947-0083 or (844) 889-7579 (toll free), or by email at bonelink@oif.org.
Since 1970, generous support from donors like you has helped the OI Foundation provide information and resources that improve the quality of life for families living with OI.

To commemorate the OIF’s 50th anniversary we are offering a limited opportunity to become a member of the OIF’s 1970 Society, a group that recognizes donors who have given $1,000 in 2020 or 2021 to support the work of the OI Foundation.

Members will receive a limited edition OIF 50th anniversary lapel pin and a miniature Goldie 50th anniversary teddy bear. Your generous gift is equivalent to $20 a year for every year the Foundation has been incorporated. Donors can make a one-time donation or pledge $100 a month for 10 months.

Visit www.oif.org/member to sign up today!