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Dear OI community,

This will likely be my last official letter as OIF Board President. Before I depart, I want to thank my fellow board members past and present, those who came before me in this position, Gemma and her fellow founders, our tireless medical professionals, and the entire OIF staff for eight amazing years with the OI Foundation. Thanks to each of you, eight years has felt like eight minutes.

But more than anything, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to each of you. Our mission at the OIF is to provide support to members of the OI community with every resource at our disposal. But it is you who in turn support us to ensure we can be the best patient advocacy organization we can be. It is your

generosity, your Unbreakable Spirit®, and the sheer will within you to pursue a better future for those with OI that fuels everything we do.

You are the ones who helped us navigate what can only be called, uncharted territory. You supported each other from afar and helped us create a virtual OIF nation. We always knew the OI community was capable of superhuman feats and the past two years have cemented that belief. During this unprecedented time, the OI Foundation launched virtual resources such as COVID-19 community calls, virtual national conferences, mutual support programming, and additional opportunities to connect with the OIF Health Educator through virtual office hours.

As I was taking stock of what we've been able to accomplish in my eight years as a board member, this thought ran through my head: I am exactly one year older than the OIF. Then I thought about what my parents went through a half-century ago when doctors told them probably wouldn't live six months because they had no diagnosis or understanding of what OI was. Regrettably, we know these types of conversations still occasionally happen. It's unfortunate proof that we still have a way to go, and work left to do for the OI community. However, bridging this gap takes resources and resources take financial support.

**Please consider becoming a member of the OI Foundation today! Help us continue the amazing work Gemma Geisman began over 51 years ago.**

It has been the highest honor serving you these past eight years and being welcomed into the OI community. I will miss it terribly and could not be prouder of what we have achieved and the legacy we are creating for future generations.

Sincerely,

Cameron R. Penn  
President, OI Foundation Board of Directors



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