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KUDOS TO CARA!



**CONGRATULATIONS
CARA TWILLIE!**

**Mary Kay "Get Beautiful,
Give Back" Makeover
Contest Winner**

As part of the contest, applicants were asked to name a charity of choice. The charity would be provided a \$2500 donation from Mary Kay Cosmetics. We are so happy Cara chose the NVFI! When asked **Why is it important to you to give back?** Cara replied, "I see so many people with

Greetings!

Welcome to our August eNEWS! We hope you enjoy the new look!

CONGRATULATIONS TO CARA TWILLIE, the grand prize winner of the Mary Kay "Get Beautiful, Give Back" makeover contest. She chose the NVFI as the charity of choice...Check her out in our featured article. THANK YOU AND KUDOS TO YOU CARA! Also check out recent Vitiligo community conferences, an upcoming meet and greet, participation on a new research study and much more inside this edition.

HAPPY READING!

Mary McAlister Cleveland, Executive Director

Vitiligo "suffering," while I live my life as though I don't have it. I want to help. Showing them techniques to hide the discolorations and/or enhance their natural beauty, thus improving their self-esteem would be the main reason for me doing this. That is why it is important for me to give back!"

*Join us in congratulating
Cara on a job well done!*

Quick Links

[Our Website](#)

For more on NVFI check out our website chock full of information!

[NVFI Store](#)

For T-Shirts, cups and more check out our online store!

[Physician Directory](#)

We maintain a listing of dermatologists who are knowledgeable and compassionate to those with vitiligo...check it out!

[DO YOU SUFFER FROM VITILIGO?](#)

The Henry Ford Department of Dermatology is conducting a clinical study for a new treatment in vitiligo: an experimental drug to be used in combination with narrowband ultraviolet B (NB-UVB) phototherapy.

We are looking for adult patients suffering from non-

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN

The National Vitiligo Foundation is funded entirely by your generosity. **WE THANK YOU!** In the past we have given more than \$1.5 million towards research however our donations have dropped considerably. As a result we are not able to fund research programs which are a main focus of NVFI. Last year we raised \$26,000 which allowed us to maintain NVFI at its current levels. In an effort to grow the organization for continued support for research, building community support and awareness among many other endeavors, **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** For the next few months we will share ways in which you can help us achieve our goals. Here are three of the many programs available to raise funds.



FALL FUNDRAISING ROUNDUP CAMPAIGN -The NVFI is in the midst of our Fall Roundup Fundraising Campaign! We have taken to the phones to call our membership in an effort to raise funds to keep us up and running. Our goal is to raise \$25,00 by October 31st. We hope you are able to help us achieve our goal!

IGIVE.COM - The NVFI is registered with IGive.com a website that lists stores who donate a portion of their online sales to designated non-profits. It's easy to help the NVFI...just set up an account, list the National Vitiligo Foundation as your charity of choice and that's it! Everytime you purchase from one of the many retailers, the NVFI benefits.

COMPANY MATCHING PROGRAMS - Many employers have donation matching programs. When donating, please check with your employee handbook or human resources department to see. We will gladly work with you and your employer when needed.

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segmental vitiligo on the face and the body for less than 5 years and who have not received any NB-UVB phototherapy in the past 6 months.

The study is composed of a 6-month treatment period with NB-UVB light treatments, performed 3 times a week, with or without administration of the experimental drug. Thereafter, there will be a 6-month follow-up period with one visit to the Department of Dermatology every 2 months.

The entire study will last about 1 year and includes NB-UVB light treatment and 11 visits to Department of Dermatology.

Participation in the study is free and travel expenses will be reimbursed. Your information will be kept confidential.

Are you interested?

If you are interested, please contact:

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June

Lansing MI - Suellen Hozman, photographer, opened a new exhibit on June 5, 2011 called "Flesh Tones," a celebration of our flesh and its infinite colors and decorations. The show, held at the Absolute Gallery located at 307 E. Grand River, was well received and well attended. One of the models featured was Ashlee Kirk, a college student with vitiligo. The show was covered by the City Pulse, a local newspaper. Check out the article at this link "[City Pulse](#)"

July

Dover DE - The Delaware Vitiligo Support & Awareness Group held their annual conference on July 23rd at the Sheraton Hotel where the group was presented with a proclamation by Representative Darryl Scott, an honorary member of the support group. Barbara E. Summers is the founder of the group.

Boston MA - VITFRIENDS hosted a weekend conference on July 30th and 31st at the Phillips Old Colony - South Hampton Function Room. The event was well attended and provided attendees with an array of information. The group was presented with a resolution from City Councilor Rob Consalvo on behalf of the Boston City Council. Valarie Molyneaux is the founder of the group.

UPCOMING:

August

Cincinnati OH - The Southwestern Ohio Vitiligo Friends group will be holding a picnic on **August 27th at Winton Woods** in Cincinnati. Winton Woods offers a variety of activities for individuals and families. For those with an interest, there is also an opportunity to play 9 holes of golf. Each person is responsible for bringing your own food and drinks for this event. A shelter will be reserved with a fireplace, tables, and various other amenities. If you would like to come, kindly RSVP so we have an idea of headcount. You can also contact the organizer directly at marsh.rq@pq.com.

September

Lansing MI - "Flesh Tones" will be opening its 2nd show at **Art Alley on September 2, 2011**. The opening will be in the evening from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. The exhibit will continue until October 12th with an education table set up through the duration of the show. Check it out! For more information contact suellenyh@yahoo.com

CALLING COMMUNITY LEADERS!

The NVFI is creating a support group network nationwide and we are searching for Community Leaders to help. If you are someone who enjoy helping, organizing and connecting others...then we NEED YOU! We will provide training and support to those individuals willing to assist us in creating support groups. Contact supportgroup@nvfi.org if interested. The deadline to respond to be a part of our initial rollout is September 30th. Training will begin this fall. So join us in connecting 'THE SPOTS' community by community!



THE PRESIDENTS' CORNER



The XX1st International Pigment Cell Conference entitled "Skin and Other Pigment Cells: Bridging Clinical Medicine & Science" and sponsored by the International Federation of Pigment Cell Science will be held during September 21-24 at the Palais des Congres in Bordeaux, France.

During this conference there are several sessions focusing on current developments in the basic science understanding and clinical therapy of Vitiligo. I will be attending these sessions and upon my return will compile the highlights of this new information and send it to the members of the National Vitiligo Foundation. This is an important and significant conference where scientists and physician who are dedicating their lives to Vitiligo have the opportunity to discuss and strategize together to improve conditions for this disease.



DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?

If you have information you would like to share with the NVFI community through the October NVFI eNews, please submit your articles by 5pm EST, September 15, 2011. Articles submitted become the property of NVFI and NVFI reserves the right to final approval prior to posting.

NVFI MISSION

1. Support research on Vitiligo, 2. Advocate for those living with Vitiligo and 3. Increase awareness of Vitiligo worldwide.