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Dear TSA Friend:

**“The greatest advances toward curing TS have come from
TSA-supported studies.”**

This quote is one of the many gratifying conclusions excerpted from Dr. Neal Swerdlow’s eloquent, moving farewell as chairman of our Scientific Advisory Board (enclosed). Recently, Dr. Swerdlow reported the results of his extensive ten-year analysis of TSA’s Individual Investigator Grant Research Award Program to the TSA’s Board of Directors. Clearly and, as we have long known, these “seed” grants have been critical to the explosion in the TS research field in recent years.

The survey results indicate that since receiving TSA funding, investigators have gone on to reap over 25 million dollars in non-TSA awards from the National Institutes of Health and other funding sources.

A further invaluable result is that TS investigators have published approximately 600 peer-reviewed papers on TS-related research, thus spreading the word among the broad international scientific community. Data such as these are dramatic evidence that our research funding has “legs.” The grants that we provide attract additional grants. The researchers we support train other researchers. Awardees have trained hundreds of medical and research professionals in relevant areas. It is a ripple effect that extends far and wide and expands the future boundaries of knowledge about TS.

Appearing in widely read professional journals and relevant websites, broad-based announcement of our annual award cycle serves to send news about our award opportunities to scientific investigators on a multinational scale. Timed with these ads, we distribute a “Call for Research Proposals” in the form of posters and e-mail messages to thousands of scientists and research administrators at leading universities and other institutions.

Responses to our “Call for Research Proposals” have increased steadily over the years. However, the number of applications approved for TSA support is limited by the funds at our command.

Therefore, once again, we turn to you our loyal research supporters. This time we ask that you boost the level of your donations as a measure of our heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Neal Swerdlow for his arduous and distinguished service to the TS community over the past ten years. While dollars alone cannot repay our debt to him, they are indeed an expression of our deep gratitude.

We look forward eagerly to your response.

Sincerely,

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