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Dear GFPD Family and Friends,

The GFPD value for 2026 is HOPE, and I truly believe the GFPD has built just that for what will be 16 years on October 5th. I know I am not alone in saying that my family felt very isolated in a world turned upside down when we received Archer's diagnosis, but even in 2012, this community was quick to rally around us with support, information, and hope. Today, although we do not yet have a cure for peroxisomal disorders, we have made significant progress to acknowledge, including our recent Voice of the Patient Report, which captures the experiences of families, highlights the complexity and impact of these disorders, and provides a critical roadmap for advancing research and care. GFPD Medical and Scientific Advisors continue to pursue meaningful ways to improve the lives of our Warriors. Family programming is shaped by the ever-changing needs of our community, and family support strives to strengthen and empower the entire family, supporting caregivers in their daily battles, uplifting and connecting adult Warriors as well as siblings, and ensuring that our bereaved community knows their Warriors will never be forgotten. Advocacy in today's global political landscape remains imperative, and while our organization may be relatively small, our voice has not been.

Many of you have likely already noticed a subtle change in this year's Pause sign. On our 16th anniversary, the GFPD requests that each of you pause WITH us as we recognize and honor all families fighting peroxisomal disorders and remember all Warriors lost to them. Your participation and engagement in #PAUSEWithTheGFPD remain essential in raising awareness for advocacy and research, helping to improve the lives of all of our Warriors battling a peroxisomal disorder. It is only WITH involvement from our entire GFPD family that meaningful change can continue!

Check out the rest of this page to learn about October 5th and why we #PAUSEWithTheGFPD! You can find printable signs in five languages, how to publish a media advisory, Op-Ed templates to share your story with local newspapers, and many other resources designed to support you in making your PAUSE Day successful in raising awareness and inspiring change.

Don't forget to snap a picture with the enclosed PAUSE sign and post it on social media with the hashtag #PAUSEWithTheGFPD to help spread awareness of our community throughout the world!

As we honor 16 years of the GFPD, my hope is that in another 16 years (or sooner) our work will no longer be needed, because cures for each of these peroxisomal disorders will have been discovered. That will be the celebration we are all waiting for. Thank you for all that you do to help our GFPD community, as we continue to support each other and honor our Warriors!

With love, hope, and dedication,



Ryan Maple

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GFPD Executive Director

