Rare Disease Day 2022 was an overwhelming success for the ACDA. We raised significant funds for ACDMPV research and connected during a very special coffee hour attended by many of our ACDA families. Our sincerest thanks to the families, friends, colleagues and classmates of the ACDA and The David Ashwell Foundation. Please read all the details on page 2!

Regards, Eliza Rista, President
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**Update on Rare Disease Day (February 28, 2022):**

We are pleased to announce that **$1,936.88 was raised by the ACDA in connection with Rare Disease Day on February 28, 2022!** Our sincerest thanks to the families, friends, colleagues and classmates of the ACDA and The David Ashwell Foundation for raising funds for ACDMPV research!

![Image of ACDA families and friends wearing the ACDA logo and #JeansForGenes on Rare Disease Day!]

Please click [HERE](#) to check out our ACDA families and friends wearing the ACDA logo and #JeansForGenes on Rare Disease Day!

We would like to thank all of our individual donors and everyone who wore #JeansForGenes or sent pictures wearing the ACDA logo! Thank you for your outstanding support of our ACDA families.

**ACDA Coffee Hour (Rare Disease Day):**

Thank you for joining the ACDA for its first **Coffee Hour on Sunday, February 27, 2022.** This was an outstanding event that provided an opportunity for ACDA registered parents to meet and interact with each other. The meeting was planned to last thirty minutes to an hour but extended over two hours due to the depth and flow of conversation. We are so grateful to all that participated and shared their stories from around the world.

**International Bereaved Mother’s Day (May 1, 2022):**

Love and light to our bereaved ACDA mothers this past International Bereaved Mother’s Day, which is observed annually on the first Sunday in May. It was created to “educate society about the true meaning of Mother’s Day…it is a heart centered attempt at healing the official Mother’s Day.”

International Bereaved Father’s Day will be on **Sunday, August 28, 2022** (observed on the last Sunday in August each year).
Below please find a “Thank You” badge for donations made on Rare Disease Day 2022 in your child’s honor:
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ACDA COMMITTEE POSITIONS

Please check our website for a full listing of Board and Committee members and let us know if you would like to get involved.

http://acdassociation.org/board-members

CONNECT WITH US

Facebook:
- Official ACDA Public Page
- Parent Group (private)
- Family Group (private)

Email:
- President@acdassociation.org (Eliza Rista)
- Secretary@acdassociation.org (Renee Murray)
- Treasurer@acdassociation.org (John Rista)

Read about the private groups with information on how to join:

Instagram:
- Follow us alveolar_capillary_dysplasia

Twitter:
- Follow us @acdassociation

Website:
- acdassociation.org

A note from the President: We absolutely want to hear from you as to how we can best meet your needs with respect to information about ACDMPV and also grief support. We are here to help in any way we can. Please know we always want to hear your ideas and we love community involvement on any level. Please never hesitate to contact me at President@acdassociation.org.

Regards, Eliza Rista, mom to Johnny (February 20, 2013 – March 4, 2013)