What a Year!

Holiday greetings to everyone within sight of these words! As I write, it's coming up on Thanksgiving and I am blogging on our web site about all the various facets of Nevus Outreach I am thankful for. Hooray for all those people: Families, Doctors, Scientists, Staff, Volunteers, and Supporters! There is no doubt that we would not be what we are without them. Without ... you.

Inside this newsletter you will find information I hope interests you – financial information, a brief history of Nevus Outreach, what people are saying about us and what we do, and greetings from our new Board Chair and my close colleague Anne Houseal, the mother of Angela, who, by the way, “is fabulous!” Anne and I go back 10 years now – I remember the first time I met her like it was yesterday – when she stood up at the 2004 conference in Columbus and asked great questions about what Nevus Outreach is about and how we accomplish it. Go figure, now she's Board Chair. Gotta love that. I do!

There's also a short interview with Leo's mom, Lauren Young, who is running her third annual Grassroots Fundraiser on the Nevus Outreach web site www.nevus.org - every year she announces she wants to raise a number of hundreds of dollars equal to Leo’s new age – then every year she blows the lid off the top of the thermometer. This year she hit her mark in less than 6 hours! Read about what makes Lauren tick, and why you should learn how to put on a grassroots fundraiser for the family you didn't know you had until that day you stumbled upon Nevus Outreach.

Then at last, don’t take my word for it, but instead read all the great things

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Simply Fabulous
By Anne Houseal
Greetings! I am Anne Houseal, the new Board Chair for Nevus Outreach. For 26 years, I served in the United States Air Force, primarily in the field of Logistics. I retired in 2009 and moved with my family to Alaska, The Last Frontier. My military career allowed me to serve a diverse population worldwide. I am forever grateful to those with whom I served...fellow military members, civilians, and family members. I now have an opportunity to serve you through Nevus Outreach.

While stationed in Virginia, our youngest daughter, Angela, was born with a Bathing Trunk Nevus and our lives changed forever--in the best possible way. We found a whole new family.

Within a few hours of Angela’s birth, I had all the contact information for Nevus Outreach and soon realized we had just missed the annual conference. During our military reassignment in 2004, we attended our first Nevus Outreach Conference in Columbus, Ohio. So many encouraging and uplifting people supported us and answered our questions. To this day we are still strengthened by people who attended that first conference with us and we cherish those with whom we’ve met since.

Angela has grown and blossomed into a healthy, compassionate, and humorous young person, with an engaging personality and a twinkle in her eye. She is confident and poised. She is an avid clogger and beekeeper, who loves to kayak and hike. She embraces who she is and owns it. A few years back, during our annual trip dip netting for salmon on the Kenai peninsula, we saw a young adult with CMN. Angela ran down the aisle, slid to a stop in front of him lifted her shirt to bare her tummy and exclaimed “I have one too!!” She also began a talk at school one day something like this: “Today I am going to talk to you about nevus. You probably noticed the spots all over my face and arms. Some people call nevus a mole and some people call them beauty marks--I must look fabulous!”

Nevus Outreach has grown tremendously in the 12 years we have been associated with it. We applaud the families who started this important organization. This grass roots effort has eclipsed anyone’s wildest dreams and now boasts international constituents, the creation of a global registry, social media groups that continue to widen our circle around the globe, and breakthroughs in research in the past 10 years.

As the new Board Chair, with a vibrant and engaged Board of Directors, we envision a bright future for Nevus Outreach. AWARENESS so that in any city, no matter how remote, a nevus owner and their family can have access and support to reliable and accurate medical information and treatment, if necessary; RESEARCH to build upon what we know so far; SUPPORT so no one has to live with a stigma or psychological trauma; and FUNDRAISING to make it all happen.

You are fabulous and so are your children. Let’s do this!

I am honored to serve.
From the Last Frontier,
Anne
Thanks to our Angels

Outreach Angels give automatic recurring gifts to Nevus Outreach and provide valuable funding for everything from phone bills to medical research. Their incremental donations transfer across automatically, quietly ensuring we will make a bigger and bigger difference in the lives of people affected by large nevi.

Lori Anderson
Mark Beckwith and
Kathy Stewart
Andrea Berkley-Sanchez
and Mark Sanchez
Bill Billings
Kent and Julie Blount
Wiatt Bowers
Joyce Briseno
Carrie and Shannon Burns
Kate and Cole Chalk
Theresa and Dave Cody
Jenna Connors
Marianne Coombes
Garen Corbett
Robin Cowper and
Antonio Casal
Gerald and
Joane Cunningham
Kevin and
Sarah Cunningham
Karen and Joe Dix
Jeffrey and Sage Dix
Jason and Tracy Downey
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Susan Edelstein
Megan Fields
Lauren and Clay Fostel
Andrea and Mark Fray
Cathy Freeman
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Thomas and
Marjorie Reicherd
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Claudia Salgado
Arne and Monica Robstad
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Jennifer Schwartz
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George and
Danielle Stamatiou
Molly Lynch and
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William Whetstone
Lauren Young
Melinda Young
Brett and Karen Zimmer

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-- Missie, Michigan

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-- Kristin, Florida

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-- Ashleigh, Georgia

Nevus Talk

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Leo’s Double Digit Birthday

By Lauren Young

My son Leo Gordon was born at Mount Sinai Hospital on Halloween 2004 in New York City with a very large – and very lumpy – nevus on his back. It was no trick – and definitely not a treat – to visit three different hospitals during his first four days on earth. (We also made a trip to NYU to meet a leading mole expert followed by a trip to St. Vincent’s NICU to treat a bout of jaundice.) Hearing other people’s delivery room horror stories, I feel very lucky that we were told our baby was as “healthy as a horse.” Even so, we were dealing with a bevy of emotions and fears. Was the MRI recommended by Leo’s doctors dangerous? Should we consider removal? Will surgery be covered by insurance? What is the best sunscreen? Thankfully, we learned about Nevus Outreach from the get-go. I cannot imagine what life would be like now without this incredible organization.

As we made the rounds to different doctors, we started connecting with other Nevus families in the New York area, which led to our very first regional gathering of about 10 families at a kid-friendly theme restaurant called Mars 2112. My toddler son was way more interested in the video games, but it was such a giant relief to meet parents along with adults (Rita Pink!) who had experiences with giant nevi. Since that time, we’ve organized at least three more regional events, and we’ve also attended three annual conferences. I go out of my way to make these things happen because it’s really important for Leo to know other kids like him.

That’s why every year for Leo’s birthday, I put out a plea to friends and family – via email and Facebook – to support Nevus Outreach. It’s really easy to set up a grassroots fundraiser on the Nevus Outreach site, as long as you remember your login. (You can always call the office and ask! We love to talk to you. - Ed.)

Once I have the link, I simply send out one email blast with all the details. I also post the link once on Facebook (with a short introduction and cute picture, naturally!) to people who know and love my kid.

It’s important to set a goal. Our annual target jumps every year by $100, so this year it was $1,000 for Leo’s 10th birthday. Folks like supporting Nevus Outreach because they know how integral it has been to our family in the past decade. Every year we exceed our goal. And every year at least four or five people I’d never expect donate to Nevus Outreach – often very generously.

I had the pleasure of serving on the board of Nevus Outreach for seven years, and recently passed the baton to Leo’s dad, Jon. Although we don’t always agree all the time, I’m truly grateful for our large network of nevus families. I love knowing we have “family” in all corners of the planets. I adore looking at your photos on the Nevus Outreach Facebook page. I’m grateful that you are willing to share dirt on doctors. I value your insight on dealing with peer pressure and everything else that comes down the pike.

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2006
- Fifth Conference - Dallas
- Australia attends our conference
- Created National Nevus Science Group

2007
- Nevus Outreach meets Rita Pink
- Registry exceeds 500 people with nevi

2008
- Sixth Conference - Dallas
- Nevus Outreach Support group hits 1000 on Yahoo!

2009
- Seventh Conference - Dallas
- Nevus Outreach appears on Facebook
- 123 blood samples collected
- Total Body Photography Study created

2010

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others have said about Nevus Outreach, and all the things we offer and do. When we sat down to collect people’s comments, we thought we could find one or two, but what we discovered was, there are enough to make us more proud of our accomplishments than we ever thought we could be, and from people all over the world. So thank you all for your kind comments!

My call to action: I hope you will consider giving your generous support to the little patient association that accomplishes so much for people affected by such a rare disease. Let’s make 2015 another great year for Nevus Outreach and all people affected by congenital nevi throughout the world!

A Flair for FUNdraising

As I sit here and reflect on passed Nevus Outreach fundraisers, I find myself becoming more excited for what may come in 2015. Those recent fundraisers have been some of the most unique and fun that I’ve seen while working in non-profits. Nevus Outreach families really went the extra mile, and used increasingly brilliant ways to help their favorite charity. We had fundraisers for birthdays, t-shirts, bike rides across states and a christening, to name a few.

2015 is shaping up to be the year of sports and fitness fundraisers! To date, seven runners and six cyclists have asked about raising money for Nevus Outreach. Wow! It looks like it’s going to be “The Year of the Weekend Warrior”! No matter if you run, bike, kayak, cook, sing or dance there’s bound to be a fundraiser with your name on it, just one click away. Go to the web site, and read about how to set up a Grassroots Fundraiser.

Let me close by thanking you all for your participation and fundraising efforts in 2014, and express my excitement about the upcoming year!
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Directors
New OutReach Inc.
Middletown, OH

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of New OutReach Inc., an emerging growth company, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2014, the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. This includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and the presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amount and disclosure in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the preparation and the presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the accounting policies and the estimates and judgments of management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of New OutReach Inc. as of December 31, 2014, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/signed/By 2014

Certified Public Accountants
Middletown, OH
August 14, 2014

NEW OUTREACH, INC.
Statement of Financial Position
December 31, 2014

ASSETS
Current Assets
Cash and equivalents $184,131
Prepaid insurance and other expenses 9,133
Total current assets 193,264
Fixed Assets
Computers and equipment and furniture 441
Total fixed assets 441
Other Assets
Receivables on Hillside Community 10,582
Pension plan 10,582
Total Assets $214,255

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
Current Liabilities
Accounts payable $18,064
Prepaid expenses 3,295
Deferred revenue 70,500
Total current liabilities 91,859

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Net Assets 122,396

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NEW OUTREACH, INC.
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

REVENUES AND EXPENSES
Revenue:
Service revenue 110,870
Total revenue 110,870
Expenses:
Administrative expenses 26,445
General and administrative expenses 13,147
Depreciation 70,500
Total expenses 109,112
Net Income for the year 1,758

TOTAL ASSETS $214,255
Net Decrease in Net Assets $1,758

OUTREACH INC.
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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Parents who have babies with nevi now are really blessed to have this site to educate themselves and get support - it would have been such a help for us back then.

-- Debra, Washington

My family thanks all of you for your support, advice, and sharing of information over the past two years. I can’t tell you how helpful this group has been to us.

-- Debra, New York

Being a part of Nevus Outreach makes a world of difference especially to someone like me who is far away from any new information about congenital nevi. Thanks to the group, I have a chance of giving my son the best chance in life. I will always be grateful to everybody who is part of Nevus Outreach.

-- Biljana, Macedonia

I am grateful for the incredible wealth of personal experience represented here. I have learned much, much more from you adults and parents than any single doctor I have spoken with.

-- Stephany, Colorado

Thank you for creating this support group. It is helping us get through a very difficult time in our lives.

-- Bridget, Illinois

It’s great to have this group to post your worries and concerns to - people that truly understand.

-- Stephanie, California
I wish more groups like Nevus Outreach were around when we started making decisions about our daughter’s future. So many questions, so few places to find the answers you need. Welcome to where you will find a wealth of information from the real experts: Nevus owners and their families.

I am happy that I am part of this group. I have a chance of giving my son the best chance in life. Thank you so much, and I am happy because I feel I am not alone any more. Thank you very much, and I am happy for being part of the organization and I am very happy because I feel I am not alone any more.

We are proud Nevus parents. Our love for our child is so pure and so strong.

People from all over the world are talking about Nevus Outreach and how it has changed their lives. Their comments warm our hearts.

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