The Marfan Foundation has one goal. As we look back at 2019, we see dozens of programs and events happening throughout our community. We see over a million people who have interacted with our services and the $1.5 million we provided to support research. We see you and 8,000 others like you who financially contributed to all this work.

But it all focuses on one goal. We offer incredible programs and host dynamic events that gather the community together and provide life-saving education, awareness, and connections. We operate as the first point of contact for a million people each year who need answers, resources, and an understanding ear. We support the research that builds progress towards better treatment, diagnosis, and quality of life for people in our community. We gather the resources needed to spread awareness and educate more people.

All of this is because we believe in our one goal, just as you do.

We believe in the victory that is saving lives and improving the quality of life of those in our community – people who live with Marfan syndrome, Vascular Ehlers-Danlos syndrome (VEDS), Loeys-Dietz syndrome, Stickler syndrome, and other genetic aortic conditions.

With your support and the perseverance from our friends in the medical professions, we have taken many bold steps toward victory. Already the youngest generation in our community experiences diagnosis and treatment of Marfan and other genetic aortic conditions entirely different than the most senior.

Each day we get closer to achieving our goal. Thank you for working with us and supporting the programs, services, and research that bring us closer to victory for Marfan and related genetic aortic conditions.

It is an honor to lead this fight for victory and we look forward to what we can do, together, in the coming years.

Sincerely,

Cory Eaves  
Chair, Board of Directors  

Michael Weamer  
President & CEO

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