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Dear SCAD Research Inc. Board, supporters, volunteers, funders, and friends,

We are truly honored to send this heartfelt message of gratitude from the Mayo Clinic SCAD Research Program team. We have truly treasured the opportunity to meet many of you in person this past year, at SCADaddles and other gatherings.

With great appreciation, we reach out to each and every one of you, whether we know you or not. This message of gratitude is for all SCAD Research Inc. friends and supporters, fundraisers and walkers, SCAD survivors and families, and especially those who grieve for friends and family affected by SCAD. You are our most steadfast supporters, without whom we would NOT be where we are today. You are the people who inspire our team to do more and better- to find the answers YOU need.

Where are we today? We are finding answers, developing new questions and further investigations based on research findings that YOU helped fund. We are caring for SCAD patients differently and better and making a national and international impact on scientific discovery related to SCAD. As many of you already know, the origin of our research was the activism of engaged SCAD patients who spurred our collective goal of identifying the causes, cures, and ultimately, the prevention of SCAD. Through your support we now have a talented and dedicated multidisciplinary collaborative SCAD research network, including Mayo Clinic radiologists, internal medicine and cardiology trainees, psychologists, Ob/Gynes, and geneticists. We have spent the last five years endeavoring to advance not only the science and health care of women and men with SCAD, but also exploring the novel role of social media in health care and research studies. SCAD Research Inc. has been with us on the journey almost since the beginning, providing the highest level of support for our work second only to Mayo Clinic itself.

This year, in addition to publishing our work in cardiology journals, we shared our SCAD research findings with other specialties important to the care of SCAD, including the premier journal of obstetrics and gynecology, an emergency medicine journal and several internal medicine journals. We continue active recruitment of patients with SCAD to our registries and have expanded several areas of prospective research. With additional resources, we will continue exploring new aspects of SCAD.

Thanks to all SCAD Research Inc. supporters who have so generously given your time, influence, money, and passion; your efforts literally and figuratively sustain our team.

With gratitude on behalf of the entire Mayo Clinic SCAD Research Program team members,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sharonne N. Hayes M.D." in a cursive script.

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