

# INFORMATION PACKET FOR PROSPECTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



chILD

Children's Interstitial & Diffuse  
Lung Disease Foundation

# WELCOME



*Dear Prospective Board Member.*

For more than two decades, the chILD Foundation has been powered by families and devoted supporters who turned personal heartbreak into collective purpose—building community, raising awareness, and bringing hope to those facing devastating diagnoses.

But hope alone is not enough.

With over 200 rare and ultra-rare diseases under the chILD umbrella, grassroots advocacy alone cannot deliver the scale of impact these families deserve. The next chapter requires professional infrastructure, sustainable funding, and strategic leadership capable of transforming what we've built into a lasting force for change.

The chILD Foundation is reimagining itself from the ground up—and we're looking for visionaries to help lead the way. This is not a routine board appointment. We need leaders who can establish strong governance, secure transformational funding, and shape decisions that will affect thousands of families worldwide.

If your expertise, network, or sense of purpose has brought you here, we hope you'll consider what we might build together: better treatments, and ultimately, cures for every form of chILD.

Thank you for your interest in the chILD Foundation!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Greg".

Greg Porta  
Founder

# ABOUT THE FOUNDATION

## OUR MISSION

The chILD Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide compassionate support, education, and hope to children and families affected by these life-altering diseases as well as to accelerate research to find effective treatments and cures for all forms of Children's Interstitial Lung Disease (chILD).

## RESOURCES

The chILD Foundation has built strong foundations that set us up for transformational growth. Now, we need visionary board leadership to leverage this unprecedented momentum to create a sustainable future and develop treatments, and ultimately cures, for all forms of chILD.

### RECENT MAJOR FUNDING SUCCESS:

\$600,000 in competitive grants demonstrating scientific credibility and organizational capacity.

### PASSIONATE, ENGAGED FAMILIES:

A dedicated community of families ready to participate in research, advocacy, and peer support initiatives

### INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH COLLABORATORS:

Active relationships with global research groups advancing chILD science worldwide

### STRONG RESEARCH PARTNERSHIPS:

The Children's Interstitial Lung Disease Research Network (chILDRN) provides established clinical research infrastructure and physician expertise



# ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Ideal candidates demonstrate a strong commitment to the Foundation's mission, the ability to cultivate relationships and build consensus, and a reputation for integrity and credibility. They are collaborative leaders who can work effectively with diverse stakeholders, including researchers, clinicians, families, and industry partners. Board members are expected to contribute their expertise, networks, and perspectives to help advance the Foundation's work. Responsibilities include:

- Serve as an advisor, advocate, and public ambassador for the Foundation
- Ensure mission alignment across all strategic initiatives
- Contribute professional expertise and networks to help identify funding opportunities, program partnerships, and in-kind support
- Provide governance and financial oversight to maintain compliance with legal, ethical, and regulatory requirements
- Attend and actively participate in board meetings and committees

# TERMS AND QUALIFICATIONS

Board members serve a three (3) year term, which includes the following commitments:

- Monthly 1.5 hour board meetings in the evening via Zoom. This schedule will be modified to 4-6 meetings per year in 2027.
- Annual strategic planning session
- Service on a minimum of one committee
- Active participation and timely fulfillment of commitments
- Maintaining knowledge of programs, partnerships, and working group initiatives
- Confidentiality regarding proprietary information, patient data, and research strategies



# THANK YOU!

Thank you for your interest in the chILD Foundation and its mission to find treatments and cures for children with rare lung diseases. If you feel this organization is a good fit for your skills and passion, we would love to hear from you. To apply, please complete the attached application and send your CV or resume to [hjames@child-foundation.org](mailto:hjames@child-foundation.org)

If you are not ready to commit to a board position at this time, we could still use your help in other ways—whether through committee participation, professional consultation, or connecting us with potential board candidates. Every contribution helps us build the infrastructure needed to transform the lives of children and families affected by chILD.

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