It takes a team

Climbers working together can ascend more challenging terrain than almost any individual climber alone. Working together allows NAAF to achieve more than we would otherwise even attempt. We have each other’s backs and offer a hand when needed. Let’s celebrate what we’re accomplishing together!
Engage lawmakers to improve the lives of people with alopecia areata.

For many years we’ve been working to overcome the difficulty for someone with alopecia areata to get insurance coverage for a cranial prosthesis. But thanks to the efforts of people with alopecia as well as legislators, we have taken a significant step toward achieving this goal.

NAAF is offering a hand up to all of those with alopecia areata.

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Meetings with legislators

Liaisons explained this vexing situation to their congressional representatives both in district offices and on Capitol Hill, which resulted in Representative Jared Huffman (D-CA) authoring the Cranial Prosthetic Medicaid Coverage Enhancement Act.

This important legislation seeks to provide a standard, Medicaid coverage benefit for cranial prosthetics when a physician deems this therapy medically necessary. Working hand in hand with NAAF toward the authorship of this potentially life-changing bill, legislative Liaisons have taken the alopecia areata community to a new era in advocating for the community.

“Visiting Congressman Huffman’s office meant a great deal to me and to Abby. We are excited that this bill could make a positive change for all those with alopecia.” – Shari Chan

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Ensure people with alopecia areata know they are not alone.

Four days of fellowship, learning, support, and lots of fun was experienced by members of the NAAF family who traveled from all across the United States and international countries to the 29th Annual NAAF International Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Over a third were VIPs, those enjoying their first conference. Scholarships were provided to 118 individuals and families who could not otherwise afford to attend. All attendees were able to improve their understanding of alopecia areata medically, socially, and emotionally.

People old and young made new friends and reveled in the experience of being surrounded by people like themselves.

With so much change afoot in 2014, this was an opportunity to learn about the future of NAAF and the community as well. In her debut presentation as NAAF’s new President and CEO, Dory Kranz embodied aspirations for the future.
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These stories of achievement are just a taste of what has been accomplished through teamwork in this year of leadership transition and organizational development. We have and will continue to honor our traditions of excellence—to strengthen and build upon what is best about NAAF and most valued by the community—as we improve efficiencies and embark on new opportunities. We encourage you to learn more about NAAF and what we are accomplishing together by visiting naaf.org

On this journey of discovery and ambition, NAAF and the alopecia areata community will continue to be there for each other, united and steadfast on a course to relieve the suffering and one day see an end to this autoimmune skin disease that results in hair loss and emotional pain. With your support and participation, the bonds we have forged over the last three decades will only strengthen as we move toward our shared goals and aspirations.

Maureen McGettigan
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