

Subject: \$25K for RMCFA!

From: "Tim Smith, RMCFA" <link@rmcfa.org>

Date: Sat, 12 Nov 2011 20:12:14 -0700

To: link - RMCFA <link@rmcfa.org>

Dear Friends,

Imagine how \$25,000 can enable RMCFA to accomplish things not otherwise possible. Such a donation is within our reach **but needs everyone's help** with our current **Chase Community Giving** campaign. A group similar to ours gathered 1571 votes to win \$20,000 last year.

If you already have a facebook account, **only a couple of minutes is required**. In addition to your vote, at your option of course, **we need votes of your facebook friends and family also**. If they know of your illness or interest in Fibromyalgia and/or ME/CFS, this is a quick and easy way for them to lend you a little support.

If you do not have a facebook account, you can easily create one, and **only about five minutes is required** (you can remove it afterward if you wish).

To vote for RMCFA, all can be done at apps.facebook.com/chasecommunitygiving/charities/841178034-RMCFA by

1. (if not logged in to *facebook*) slide to the top of the page to **log in to or create a facebook** account,
2. click the "**like**" button in the **upper left corner**,
3. click "**Vote and Share**" button (which casts your vote), and
4. optionally **write a quick note** to your *facebook* friends and family, and click "Share" (or simply "cancel" the Share window).

More explanation may be helpful, and for an extra minute or two apiece, more charities are worthy of your support. Please see our web page at www.rmcf.org/chase_giving.html (also available from the RMCFA home web page if you don't like to click links in emails) which

- more fully explains the *Chase Community Giving* program,
- more fully explains how to successfully do the 4 steps above, and
- suggests **other organizations** you may want to vote for.

Please let me know by email or phone if you have any problem casting your vote.

We look forward to seeing the vote count increase!

Thanks for your help.

Tim



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Subject: RMCFA: Chase Giving Update

From: "Tim Smith, RMCFA" <link@rmcfa.org>

Date: Sun, 20 Nov 2011 17:17:01 -0700

To: Tim Smith - RMCFA <TSmith@rmcfa.org>, Mike Munoz - RMCFA <MMunoz@rmcfa.org>

Let's not lose \$25K now!

Without many more votes, RMCFA is at high risk of being pushed "out of the money" (below rank 100) and lose a \$25,000 donation.

Status Report: Thanks to **votes** from our partner charities **and many of your votes**:

- RMCFA is currently "in the money" (above rank 101), **within reach** of winning \$25,000 from the **Chase Community Giving** program. **Yeah!**
- However, RMCFA has been **slowly slipping toward losing the contest** (from being ranked in the 40's to rank 78 as this email is sent). **Boo!**
- *many thanks* for *bearing with our many emails* this month the contest ends Tuesday

If you **have not yet voted** for RMCFA in Chase Giving, **we need your help**.

- Vote for [RMCFA at this page](#). **Please vote** to keep us "in the money." We and hundreds of others have done our best, but **your help is still needed**.
- If needed, see [RMCFA's Voting Instructions](#) for more details about *how to vote*.

If you **have voted** for RMCFA in Chase Giving, **Thank You!**

- **If you have voted for other ME/CFS and FM charities**: **Thank You again!**
- **If you have not voted for others**: Our partners in this contest have **greatly helped** RMCFA obtain our current "in the money" rank. Please consider helping [RMCFA's Partners](#) with any remaining votes you have.

To All: **Please!** encourage your **friends and family** to vote. Voting ends soon so don't wait! Forward this email, or simply refer people to www.rmcfa.org/chase_giving.html for all needed information.

Thanks to All !
Tim Smith, RMCFA President

p.s. If you are having **trouble voting** (particularly if you get the *Safari* error message page, even if not using *Safari*), **try** (A) voting again soon (or a bit later if soon doesn't work), or (B.1) clear your browser's cache and cookies and (B.2) reboot your computer. For help, please feel free to call me at **303-758-2496** or **Mike Munoz** at **720-204-3540** ~~~ **If you want to vote, we want to help!**



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Subject: RMCFCA: \$100K At RISK
From: "Tim Smith, RMCFCA" <link@rmcfa.org>
Date: Mon, 21 Nov 2011 18:45:08 -0700
To: "Tim Smith, RMCFCA" <link@rmcfa.org>

Dear RMCFCA friends,

Thanks for your help so far with Chase Giving. **Still, every possible vote is needed** at [RMCFCA's Voting Page](#). More complete voting instructions are at [RMCFCA's Chase Giving](#) web page.

- **RMCFCA is now "out of the money"** (below 100 rank) *literally by only a few votes at rank 102.*
- **Three other ME/CFS organizations are similarly situated**, just a bit worse off than RMCFCA (**please see green below**).
- Voting ends Noon EST Tuesday (according to countdown timers; or Midnight EST Tuesday night, according to the official rules).

Please *keep reading* for

- (1) [What's at stake?](#),
- (2) [How RMCFCA is doing](#), and
- (3) [facebook issues](#) (how to get over "facebook phobia" with a temporary account).

What's at Stake?

We have failed to well explain \$225K is at stake in the larger picture. Groups like ours can

- (A) **help cope** within the framework of the currently available resources, and
- (B) **help improve** the overall future situation by advocating for more awareness, more research, better diagnostics, better treatment, etc.

Both require funds to accomplish. Government funding is woefully inadequate. So we the ME/CFS & FM community will obtain funding from as we can, and figure out how to use it to best advantage if/when obtained.

In the current **Chase Community Giving** contest:

- "\$25K for RMCFCA" *is not all that is at stake.*
- \$250K was initially at stake for 10 organizations.
 - Please peek at this [ME/CFS and FM Chase Giving](#) page
 - One charity (CFIDS & FM Help Program) hasn't qualified, leaving \$225 at stake.
 - Please peek at this [ProHealth](#) page.
 - All 9 remaining charities deal with ME/CFS.
 - Over half also deal with FM, even though FM is sometimes not in their group name.
- The **next set of links below are to the Chase Giving pages**. Each such page has a link to the organization's web page.
 - **\$75K to 3 charities seems assured**, but not guaranteed until the voting is done; if you have extra votes after voting the 4 green lines below, consider a vote for these:
 - [IACFS](#) (rank = 31)
 - [cfsKnowledgeCenter](#) (rank = 44)
 - [Massachusetts CFIDS/ME & FM Association](#) (rank = 56)
 - **\$100K is at risk of being lost in the vote**. All four of these groups, including our own RMCFCA, are **fighting hard to get back above 101 rank**:
 - [RMCFCA](#) (rank = 102) -- **Please Vote if you have not!**

- [Wisconsin CFS Association](#) (rank = 104) -- **Please Vote if you have not!**
- [Enterovirus Foundation](#) (rank = 106) -- **Please Vote if you have not!**
- [New Jersey CFS Association](#) (rank = 110) -- **Please Vote if you have not!**
- **\$50K is not likely to be won now**, but if you have votes you will not use otherwise, *why not toss them a vote?*
 - [CFS FM Org of Georgia](#) (rank = 154)
 - [Connecticut CFIDS & FM Association](#) (rank = 171)

How RMCFCA is doing

For RMCFCA to win \$25K, we need about *three times* the number of votes as email addresses we have. **We probably need 100 to 150 more votes.** The **other charities have helped us tremendously.** We would be long gone if not for the huge amount of help RMCFCA has received from the [other charities listed above](#), from Marly Silverman at [PANDORA](#), and Cort Johnson's [PhoenixRising.me](#) and [AboutME/CFS](#) sites and e-list.

None of us can obtain a comprehensive list of who has voted and who has not. That's right. Unless we happen to see a vote go by, we cannot tell if any particular person has voted or not.

Mike Munoz and I have been watching votes as much as we are able. We estimate some 10% to 20% of our e-list has voted in the contest. *If even half of the not-yet-voting RMCFCA e-list would vote for the 4 "green line" charities above*, we could probably capture \$100K otherwise to be lost.

Several on our RMCFCA e-list who *have voted* for RMCFCA (*Thank You!*) have not helped any other organizations. I am grateful for the RMCFCA votes. Yet it's clear RMCFCA is not carrying its share of the load on behalf of the ME/CFS & FM Community.

I hope the description of some facebook issues next will help many more RMCFCA folks feel comfortable enough to help in the effort, with temporary facebook accounts if needed.

Facebook Issues

We know facebook is problematic in numerous ways, from privacy issues, to the complexity of using it, and the technical errors that sometimes occur. Unfortunately, **Chase Giving votes only can be through facebook.** Why? By using facebook, Chase Giving is **able to detect fraudulent votes.** Chase Giving regularly detects and removes fraudulent votes. I have personally seen 4 votes for RMCFCA which looked fraudulent -- and I saw 3 votes removed by Chase Giving. Mike saw 20 RMCFCA votes get removed (which votes looked odd to him).

No facebook account? Minimal information is required to set up a facebook account. You don't have to add a picture, connect to anyone, etc. Just get it started.

If you want facebook to not to bother you after this is all over, set up your account with a **legitimate but throw-away email address.** After the voting is over for a few days, you can de-activate your account (described below).

Have a facebook account you want to de-activate?

If you've already used a long-term email address, want to deactivate a facebook account, and want not be bothered by facebook again, you can **switch out your main email address for a legitimate but throw-away email address** (Click down triangle at far upper right --> choose Account Settings --> choose General at the left side --> click "Edit" on the "Email" line --> use "Add another email" to add the throwaway email address --> enter password to confirm --> "Save" --> receive email --> click link in email to confirm you control the e-address --> re-"Edit" the "Email line" --> change the throw-away address to primary --> enter password to

confirm --> "Save" --> re-"Edit" the "Email line" --> remove your main email address --> enter password to confirm --> "Save"), and then de-activate your account after the voting is over a few days (described below).

Liking Chase Community Giving

When you "**like**" the Chase Community Giving application, before you can vote, you *will be required to allow Chase Giving to access your facebook information*. To avoid errors, it is best to allow access when you first click "like." (You will not be able to vote with out allowing access.) **This gives Chase the ability to detect fraud.**

Removing the Chase Community Giving App later

After the voting is over for a few days, you can **undo** the "like" by removing the Chase Community Giving application (Click down triangle at far upper right --> choose Account Settings --> choose Apps at the left side --> click X to the right of Chase Community Giving).

How to De-activate a facebook account:

Click down triangle at far upper right --> choose Account Settings --> choose Security at the left side --> Choose "Deactivate your account." at the bottom --> Choose a reason --> "Confirm".

Please help! The ME/CFS Community needs the help of all who will give a bit of time to the effort.

Hopefully our next email will report **positive results**, for RMCFCA and for 6 other related charities.

Thanks for your help -- and for your tolerance of all the recent emails from RMCFCA.

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