



THE OCULAR IMMUNOLOGY
AND UVEITIS FOUNDATION
Dedicated to Eye Disease Cure and Education

Brighter Vision Weekly Newsletter February 22, 2025

Support from Our Community!

One of OIUF's major goals is to provide emotional support to patients and caregivers with Ocular Inflammatory Disease, partially through our community of patients in similar situations.

Keep reading to learn about Katie's journey with retinal vasculitis.

"In April of 2021, I was diagnosed with an unknown autoimmune disease that causes uveitis and vasculitis in my eyes. It wasn't until I woke up one morning and placed my hands in front of me and realized that I couldn't see the rings on my fingers that I panicked.

Since then, I have been on various medication regimens including pills, infusions both at the doctor's and at home, and injections. With my family and I both nervous and terrified for what was ahead, we were constantly reassured by both Dr. Foster and Dr. Anesi that they had faith we were able to get my condition and symptoms under control.



This past summer, I got my puppy to keep me company through these challenges. After a tough battle the past three and a half years, I can say that I have begun my remission journey but nonetheless, I know my doctors will always be there to support me unconditionally.



I cannot thank all doctors, fellows, nurses, technicians, and every single person along the way enough for their authenticity, pure kindness, and dedication to their patients. I don't know where I would be without them!"

After learning about OIUF through her doctors who work closely with our foundation, Dr. Foster and Dr. Anesi, Katie decided to hold a local fundraiser to share her story and raise awareness and support for our mission and other patients in her situation. **Katie's event raised over \$7,800 for the research, education and support of Ocular Inflammatory Disease carried out by OIUF!** We are so grateful for her dedication and support!



Katie at her fundraising event with Dr. Anesi, a former OIUF fellow and current fellowship preceptor, and Dr. Philip, a recently graduated fellow!

[Learn About Ways to Give to OIUF!](#)

Tax Season is Here!

For those who donated to OIUF in 2024 and have not yet received a Charitable Donation Receipt, please contact Alison Justus (ajustus@oiuf.org).

Also, be on the lookout for OIUF's upcoming webinar in the spring about **Planned Giving!** Learn how you can fulfill your financial goals and help OIUF fulfill our mission by including a charitable gift in your estate plan.

February Support Group!

This meeting has been scheduled to a new date!

Join us OIUF and Elliot Feldman, of Visions of Independence, to discuss ways to navigate life with low vision. Low vision can affect uveitis patients at various points in treatment, especially during flare-ups.

"Navigating Life with Low Vision"

February 25th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM EST

Led By:

Frances Foster, MS, NP

OIUF Support Group Chair/Facilitator

Elliot Feldman

of Visions of Independence

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To learn more about Visions of Independence, click below!

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