

Re: In Praise of Lyme Activists

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Just for the record: Several years ago, after the resignation of previous president Kerry Fordyce, members of the Lyme Disease Association of New Jersey begged Pat Smith to accept a leadership position in LDANJ because of her experience, track record of achievements, and ability to work with others. Subsequently, LDANJ decided to become national in focus, becoming LDA. This decision was welcomed by many active groups in the Lyme community since we felt a need for an umbrella group we could support and work with. Since then many groups have joined LDA as affiliates and chapters. LDA has already funded dozens of research projects and with its affiliates has raised over \$3.5 million to fight Lyme disease. Their motto is "Find A Cure." To find out more about LDA, visit their website www.lymediseaseassociation.org.

>>*From personal experience, Pat Smith is a straight-shooting, hard-working, no-nonsense, skilled and dedicated patient advocate and it is my honor to work with her and with other LDA affiliates.*

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