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Mr. Jaime A. Cruz, Jr., President
Nassau Wings Motor Cycle Club, Inc.



Dear Friends of the Nassau Wings Motor Cycle Club:

On behalf of Boston University School of Medicine and all the Amyloid patients your generosity will help, thank you very much for your gift of \$2,000 made to the Amyloid Research Fund.

We are pleased that the generosity and support of the patients and friends of our Amyloid Program have enabled Dr. David Seldin and his team to make steady progress in the quest to find a cure for amyloidosis.

Thank you very much for your contribution and your support of this all-important research here at the School of Medicine.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Karen Antman".

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October 29, 2010

The Nassau Wings
Jaime Cruz, President



Dear Jaime and Friends:

Thank you very much for your gift of \$2,000.00 from the Nassau Wings Motorcycle Club to support the research of the Amyloid Treatment and Research Program at Boston University School of Medicine. You are amazing to have raised this generous gift, even in with torrential rain on the day of the event. We are so grateful to you for your hard work each year to support amyloid research and we appreciate the kindness of Muriel and Steve Finkel for their generous help with a raffle prize.

Your gifts mean a lot to us as we work to find better treatments and a cure for amyloid diseases. Gift money allows us to do pilot experiments necessary for larger federal grants. One new project is a mouse model for the AL type of amyloidosis on which treatments can be tested. Another project involves studies on age-related cardiac amyloidosis, an under-diagnosed condition affecting persons over 70 with amyloid deposits in the heart and other tissues. These and other basic studies are important first steps leading to development of new treatments. Our progress in basic and clinical research would not be possible without the support of donors like the Nassau Wings Motorcycle Club.

We missed seeing you this year. We send our best wishes to all of you and hope to see you next year to thank you in person. Safe riding!

Sincerely,

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*Best from
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December 6, 2010

The Nassau Wings
Jaime Cruz, President

Dear Jaime:

WOW, we saw the recent broadcast video of you. You were terrific! And thanks for talking about amyloidosis. Thank you, too, for all you and your friends in Nassau Wings do for amyloid research. It is enormous! As major donors, I would like to bring you up to date on some of our recent accomplishments. 2010 has been an exciting and busy year for the Amyloid Treatment & Research Program at Boston University School of Medicine and Boston Medical Center.

Our program has grown steadily. Each year we are so pleased to see more and more returning patients, more than 500 in the past year! And more than 200 new patients came for consultation or treatment with us, from all across the United States and from overseas. In fact, for patients with rare diseases, the world is getting smaller. Many patients hear about our program on the internet, and the internet has made it easier for doctors and researchers to communicate and share information and ideas. Nonetheless, it is still important to meet in person!

This past April, sixteen of our clinical and laboratory investigators presented our research findings at the XIIth International Amyloidosis Symposium in Rome. We were the largest group of participants from any institution outside of Italy. It was a great opportunity to exchange information with researchers from all over the world.

The meeting in Rome highlighted the remarkable progress being made in the understanding of amyloidosis and in treatment of amyloid diseases. Our Program continues to be a leader in both basic laboratory and clinical research. We have pioneered new therapies for AL amyloidosis, for which there is a steadily expanding menu of treatment options. We lead an international cooperative clinical trial of diflunisal for hereditary transthyretin (TTR) amyloidosis. We are also helping to plan the next international study for AA amyloidosis, to open in 2011.

We send our best wishes for the holidays and wish you health and happiness in the coming year.

Yours truly,

 Best to the wings!

David C. Seldin M.D., PhD