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Daniel Crotty, right, poses with friends. Daniel received a Courage Award in recognition of his battle with Lyme disease.



Volunteers pose in masks at TTC's annual gala, echoing the theme of Unmask A Cure, that Lyme disease masquerades as many different illness.

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Message from the Founder

Dear Friends and Family:

So much has happened in these past few months at **Turn the Corner Foundation** (TTC). Because of your continued support, we have been able to expand our reach and fund many programs that have helped the Lyme disease community. You have brought us even closer to achieving our mission to support research, education, awareness and innovative treatments for Lyme disease and other tick-borne diseases. This illness touches the lives of many people and we are proud that so many of you have come together to help "Turn the Corner" on Lyme disease.

We have become the official Outreach Partner to the film *Under Our Skin*, the first feature-length documentary that takes viewers into the lives of people suffering with Lyme and struggling to find answers and a road back to health. We are very excited about the momentum behind this film. The community premier and launch party in **New York City** on Monday, May 12, 2008, supported by our foundation, sold out a month in advance of the screening.

We would like to extend our gratitude to everybody who attended our second annual fundraising gala, *Unmask A Cure*. You helped us raise over \$1 million for Lyme disease research and education. We also want to send a special thanks to the Board of Directors and Event Committee, who put in a lot of time and hard work to make the evening memorable and meaningful. We hope you will save the date for our third annual fundraising gala on Thursday, November 13, 2008 at **Gotham Hall** in New York City.

Lyme disease is a widespread epidemic that has been detected on every continent except Antarctica. It can attack virtually any system in the body and is often mistaken for other illnesses since its symptoms mirror other conditions. Estimates state that only one out of every ten cases of Lyme disease is reported and that many people are frequently misdiagnosed. Contributing to the confusion are the inadequacies of current diagnostic tests and physicians' lack of experience with the disease. Many people afflicted with this disease find themselves going from doctor to doctor wondering what is wrong with them.

While we are making progress, there remains much to be done. We are funding research and helping raise awareness, but there are still many sick people with a dire need for proper diagnosis and treatment. We hope you will join us in achieving our mission.

Sincerely,
Staci Grodin

I am grateful for TTC's support in helping bring UNDER OUR SKIN to the communities that need it most, and I'm excited about our ongoing partnership to help "Turn the Corner" on Lyme disease!

—Andy Abrahams Wilson, Producer/Director of Under Our Skin

A Face Behind the Foundation

Vice President Charles P. Balducci Discusses His Involvement with Turn the Corner Foundation

After almost losing my life to Lyme disease, I wanted to help other people avoid what I went through. In July of 2004, I came down with a fever. I went to a doctor who gave me a week of antibiotics and said it was just a virus. Two months later, I fell ill during my honeymoon. I lost all my energy and could barely walk. I was in bad shape and I literally felt like I had the wind knocked out of me for days. I came back home and checked myself into the hospital, where no one could figure out what was wrong with me. They kept me in the emergency room for observation and were about to release me when they took my vital signs. My heart rate was 28 beats a minute and they couldn't even measure my blood pressure. They immediately put me in intensive care where, thankfully, a doctor realized there was a chance I had Lyme disease.

It turns out that the Lyme bacteria had surrounded my heart and was not allowing it to beat. After a week with a temporary pacemaker and aggressive antibiotic treatment, my heart rate returned to normal. They released me and I underwent a month of IV antibiotics. I am doing fine today, but realize that everything could have been avoided if I were treated properly at the beginning.

The doctors assumed that I had been bitten by a tick while playing golf that July. Like so many others, I never saw the telltale bull's eye rash so nobody thought to test me for Lyme.

When I was introduced to TTC by my business partner's wife, I was immediately interested in this organization where I could help make a difference in the Lyme community. Being a part of TTC is important to me because I am confident in our mission, I share the enthusiasm of my fellow Board Members and I'm excited about our potential and future growth.

My role as a Board Member for TTC has primarily been fundraising and idea sharing. My major accomplishments include the push to make the organization a public charity. I was incredibly proud and amazed to be a part of TTC's second fundraising gala, *Unmask A Cure*, especially as we surpassed the \$1 million dollar mark in funds raised.

I graduated from **Penn State University** with a BA in Finance and have worked as a First Vice President for **Merrill Lynch Global Wealth Management** for the past 11 years. My interests include golfing, traveling and fishing. Participating in outdoor activities like these often exposes people to tick bites. I want others to be able to enjoy these activities and be informed about the dangers of Lyme disease.

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Vice President Charles P. Balducci, center, with his wife Amy, left, and Turn the Corner Founder Staci Grodin, right.

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Initiatives

The Programs Made Possible with Your Donations

Your support has helped fund many much-needed initiatives in the world of Lyme disease. **Turn the Corner Foundation (TTC)** is so pleased to convert your donations into programs that make a difference in people's lives. Please see a short description of our programs and how you can make a difference at www.turnthecorner.org.

Under Our Skin

TTC is involved with the national distribution of the first feature-length documentary that reveals the untold story of Lyme disease. *Under Our Skin* investigates the shocking human, medical and political dimensions of Lyme disease and was accepted to the prestigious **Tribeca Film Festival**, **Berkshire International Film Festival** and **Silver Docs Festival**.



TTC has entered into this strategic partnership because this film has the potential to reach hundreds of thousands of people and it will further TTC's vision of education and awareness of the physical, emotional, and social effects of Lyme disease. We hope you have a chance to come to a screening of *Under Our Skin*. **Visit our website at www.turnthecorner.org for a listing of locations and dates for future screenings around the country.**

Dr. Joseph J. Burrascano Jr.'s Lyme and Associated Diseases Registry™

One of the biggest problems with Lyme disease is lack of standardized treatment and diagnosis techniques. Dr. Burrascano, a member of TTC's Medical Advisory Board, has been compiling data with the help of Lyme-literate doctors. Results from this critical research will be a key element for all treating physicians and this information will be published and disseminated worldwide. We are pleased to announce that the top-performing doctors in this program are **Dr. Chandra Swami, Dr. Steven Harris, Dr. Cheryl Ortel, Dr. Ann Corson, and Dr. Daniel Cameron**. They take this program seriously and we are taking steps to recognize the time and hard work they have put in. **Encourage your physician to participate in the database program today and help standardize treatment techniques for Lyme patients.**

Physicians Training Program

This groundbreaking program provides medical practitioners the opportunity to study with a Lyme-literate health care professional to recognize and treat Lyme disease successfully. In about two weeks, trainees become Lyme-literate through watching mentoring doctors in action with patients, reviewing different cases, and learning their individual approaches to diagnosis and treatment. These professionals bring this skill set back to their community in order to better care for their patients. Fifty-five doctors have already been trained through this program, helping thousands of people with Lyme disease. **Your donation helps doctors from all over the world become Lyme-literate.**

Create Footprints™

This national program allows volunteers across the country to plan a walk to raise funds for Lyme disease research and initiatives through Turn the Corner Foundation. You can become an organizer of an event and raise money in your own neighborhood. **Create Footprints™ gives you everything you need, including forms and step-by-step instructions, to execute a successful fundraising walk no matter where you live.**

Grants

Cutting-Edge Research Programs Only Possible with Your Support

These innovative research projects will have a monumental impact in regard to the treatment and diagnosis of Lyme disease. Your donation helps scientists and doctors study various approaches that can one day "Turn the Corner" on Lyme disease.

Cheryl Koopman, Ph.D. Stanford University in Stanford, CA

This research project will focus on treatment studies for various classes of Lyme patients. It is unique because it includes subjects who have a clinical diagnosis of Lyme disease but have tested negative using standard criteria. These types of patients are often excluded from Lyme disease research. This study will determine if these types of patients require treatment approaches different from today's conventions. This research is critical because Lyme disease is notorious for false negatives, resulting in patients that are told they do not need treatment. In reality, these patients are sick and deserve a treatment approach tailored to their needs.

Eva Sapi, Ph.D. University of New Haven in West Haven, CT

One study aims to identify whether or not deer ticks carry nematodes (microscopic worms) in order to develop more focused treatment for patients infected by tick bites. The second study explores whether *Borrelia burgdorferi*, the bacterial agent of Lyme disease, is capable of forming a complex covering called biofilm and if this biofilm increases its resistance to antibiotic treatment.

Alan MacDonald, M.D. St. Catherine of Siena Medical Center Smithtown, NY

This study will explore if a *Borrelia burgdorferi* infection is one of the causes of neurodegenerative diseases, such as Alzheimer's disease. It will also seek to discover the role of biofilms in *Borrelia* infections.

Raphael B. Stricker, M.D. San Francisco, CA

This study focuses on reviewing the effectiveness of IV antibiotic treatment for Lyme disease. In studying various doses given at different intervals, doctors will be able to determine the best course of treatment for patients requiring antibiotics. This study is one of the first analyses of the safety and efficacy of true long-term IV antibiotic therapy for neurologic Lyme disease.

Lyme Literacy Programs for Doctors and Patients National

TTC also allocates funds for public relations efforts, support groups and educational conferences focused on Lyme disease. These projects increase awareness and further education of this devastating disease.

Please consider becoming a sponsor of a research program or initiative. For more information, please fill out the attached form or contact Darren Port at 646.278.6735 or darren@poweredbyprofessionals.com.

I am very grateful to the Turn the Corner Foundation for the research support provided to me in my studies. My research focuses on DNA probes to track Borrelia burgdorferi in tissues.

*Thanks so much for your kind support.
—Dr. Alan MacDonald, TTC grant recipient*

Gala Spotlight

It's always exciting to see everyone come together for such an urgent cause and be able to enjoy the gala. We're proud that with the help of so many, we have been able to raise over \$1 million for Lyme disease research and education.

—Staci Grodin, Founder of Turn the Corner

TTC would like to thank everyone who attended and supported our second annual fundraising gala, **Unmask A Cure**, which was held on Thursday, November 1, 2007 at **Guastavino's** in Manhattan. The event honored **Richard I. Horowitz, MD** with the **2007 Humanitarian Award**; **Bruce E. Mosler** with the **2007 Spirit of Philanthropy Award**; and **Nick S. Harris, PhD, AMBLI** with the **2007 Scientific Merit Award**. The gala was graciously co-chaired by **Cheryl A. Conner**; **Robert Hoffman, M.A.**; and **Brenda Shiplett**.



From Left: Musician Daryl Hall, Turn the Corner Founder Staci Grodin and Courage Award Recipient Jacqueline Spar were all misdiagnosed before learning they had Lyme disease. Board member Stephanie Spar, right, continues to help her daughter through Lyme disease treatment.

The event was attended by over 700 people and raised \$1.1 million for Lyme disease research and education programs. Guests sampled food provided by several top New York City restaurants including **Agata & Valentina, Barna, George Guidera and Executive Chef Jacques Larsen of Cobbs Mill Inn, Cook With Class, Edible Arrangements, Gabriela's, Ivy Bakery, Landmarc, Ruby Foo's, Thalassa and STK**. A special beverage tasting station was provided by **Lucid, Absinthe Supérieure**.

We were fortunate to have **Daryl Hall**, of **Hall and Oats**, perform a set full of favorite songs. Dr. Horowitz joined him on stage to sing an original song they composed about Lyme disease called **"The Ballad of the Deer Tick."** Following this performance, Founder of Turn the Corner, Staci Grodin, presented Courage Awards to six individuals who are bravely fighting Lyme disease. Recipients included **Christine Beach, Dan Crotty, Jennifer Edstrom, Caroline Patterson, Jacqueline R. Spar** and **Alex Viserto**.

Thank you again to everyone who attended and supported **Unmask A Cure!** Special thanks go to our wonderful sponsors and volunteers who made this evening possible.

Save the date for the third annual fundraising gala, **Unmask A Cure**, to be held on Thursday, November 13, 2008 from 6:00 PM to 10:00 PM at **Gotham Hall in New York City!** Please join us in honoring **Andy Wilson**, Producer/Director of **Under Our Skin**. The gala will also feature special guest **Alan Zweibel**, an award-winning comedy writer.

If you are interested in sponsoring this event or would like to serve on the Event Committee, please fill out the attached form or contact Darren Port at 646.278.6735 or darren@poweredbyprofessionals.com.

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You, the volunteers and donors, are the backbone of our foundation. The time, products and funds you donate help TTC work towards achieving its mission. TTC would like to specially thank the volunteers below for their service. We would not be able to create change in the Lyme disease community without you.

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I am only one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And I will not let what I cannot do interfere with what I can do.

—Edward Everett Hale, American Author

You, the volunteers and donors, are instrumental to our success. You have the power to change the lives of people with Lyme disease by getting involved or making a donation. We would be happy to have you as a member of our growing team!

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