



The Cosmopolitan Diabetes Foundation (CDF) has had a great year which includes new Beacon members, growth of the Beacons Fund and record breaking \$55,000 in grants, issued to thirteen different diabetes related organizations. Part of this year's excitement includes our new international project, DRIF and DRIF-Can. Contributions to the project that pass-through CDF may have hidden benefits including tax breaks and additions to your Beacon account. We send the project contributions to DRIF on a quarterly basis. So, if you are striving to reach the next Beacon level of giving, remember those donations will help you reach that next level.

In spite of a crazy year for the economy and markets, our financial account manager has managed to keep a close watch on our funds and ensure that our goals are met or exceeded. This ensures that CDF will have funds to fulfill most of the grant request that we receive. The grant committee spends many hours studying the requests to ensure the criteria that we ask for is met and the funds, if granted, will be used to further the fight to help find the cure and to create an easier life for those living with this disease currently.

The seven members of the CDF Board maintain communications with our accountant and financial manager throughout the year to keep a close watch on your money and ensure that we maintain our tax-exempt status.

Yours in Cosmo Friendship

Don Gentry, CDF Chairman