

## Thanksgiving 2023

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**Dear Families, at this time of Thanksgiving celebration, I would like to extend my gratitude to every member of this wonderful community.**

**The 2023 Special Thank is for:**

**All people who have joined the BCM Patient Registry, because by sharing their data they are making an important difference, and for our Registry Manager,**

**Sara Cammarota. Join today at [www.BCMRegistry.org](http://www.BCMRegistry.org) .**

**Today I thank all people in our community:**

**Directors: Kay McCrary, Barbara Wade Sergent, Marylee Dilling, for their commitment and work. The new director Ned Reade, who has joined the Board of Directors and who brings his media skills to the service of our mission.**

**Ambassadors: Angela M. Tucker, Mark Young, Nicole Kim, Trudi Dawson and Caspar Wohlfahrt, for their creativity and spirit of service. Julius Bolay who has joined the Board of Ambassadors and has represented the BCM community at the 2023 Tübingen Third European meeting on Achromatopsia and Blue Cone Monochromacy.**

**Volunteers: Dean Monthei for his continuous support and for [Demo Glasses project](#), Corinne Harmon, Mary Dilling for thanking donors, Kay McCrary for the Charlotte Meeting organization, John Cavitt, Ned Reade, Angie Honeycutt, Lindsey & Ray Egner, for their help before and at the Charlotte Meeting. Manuele Freda, Dean Monthei, Trudi Dawson, Emanuele de Bon, Francesca Noto for the BCMFF Newsletters and beautiful art graphics. Nacer Boussahoul for his help with the France community projects.**

**Monthly Donors, Big Donors and all donors:**

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**Friends:**

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**I hope you will join us for GivingTuesday 2023, and I wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving!**

**Renata Sarno, Ph.D.  
President  
BCM Families Foundation**



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