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Annual Appeal 2010

Dear Well Spouse Supporter,

Thanks to the generosity of donors like you, the Well Spouse Association has been there for the wives, husbands and partners of the chronically ill and disabled. People like this member...

“Well Spouse is a wonderful organization that meets the needs of a unique population. It’s the only place where one can be in contact with people who truly understand what it is like to be a well spouse... where you can express all your feelings, pain and problems openly and get caring, comfort, compassionate love, and practical suggestions for specific issues. It’s where you can make special friends and learn how to take care of yourself, too. Well spouses help each other in ways no others, not even family, can understand.”

That’s what Well Spouse does, provides support and help to spouses and partners in difficult situations. That has been our mission for 22 years.

Even though 2009 was a difficult year, WSA was still able to accomplish many things due to the support of good people like you. To better communicate with our members, we implemented an email newsletter, the *Member Minute*, as well as maintained our well-received quarterly publication, *Mainstay*. We improved and upgraded our website. We also added several support groups and offered more regional respite weekends. In addition, we focused on new ways to reduce the negative cash flow, such as adding advertising to the website, holding a “Friends and Family” fundraiser, running an online auction and generating income from professional and corporate memberships. We have also partnered with OCE Copiers for our printing and Western Refining for our SW Regional Expansion. Another member wrote...

“I only found WSA a matter of months ago. My husband has had many surgeries. I always say he gets to go through this under anesthesia, not me. Well Spouse has already been more help than you know.”

Goals for 2010 include outreach projects to aid Military Spousal Caregivers caring for wounded warriors and a Southwest Region Expansion. We are improving backup for local area support group leaders and are partnering with organizations like Caring Bridge.org to offer additional resources to well spouses.

Your tax-deductible contribution will help us to accomplish these goals in 2010. Please give as generously as you are able. Your gift will go far and is so appreciated by those we help, as this member said...

“I will always remember the help I felt from being part of this group. I was able to talk openly about things that no one else would understand. A heartfelt thank you!”

Please help us be there for you, our members and others facing the difficulties of spousal caregiving by returning the enclosed envelope with a check or credit card information, or donate on our website to the Annual Appeal.

With thanks,
Lawrence Bocchiere III
President