Dear (name of friend, family, community member),

June is Worldwide LAM Awareness Month (WWLAM).

Lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM) is a rare, fatal lung disease that almost exclusively affects women. This disease is characterized by an abnormal growth of smooth muscle cells, especially in the lungs, lymphatic system, and kidneys. Tell your story here.

Over 4,017 women globally (2,700 in the United States) have been diagnosed with LAM, but it is suspected there may be as many as 250,000 undiagnosed or misdiagnosed patients living with LAM. Most women with LAM have symptoms for several years before being properly diagnosed.

Of the 7,000 known rare diseases, LAM is one of only 500 with a treatment. While many women with LAM add several years to their lives through treatments available, oxygen therapy, or lung transplantation, there is no cure for this fatal disease. The LAM Foundation believes this problem is potentially solvable in our lifetimes, and so do I.

**WWLAM is a month to raise awareness of lymphangioleiomyomatosis (LAM).** During the month of June, I will join other women with LAM, their families and friends, scientists and clinicians, and The LAM Foundation to raise awareness about this disease. To learn more, go to [www.thelamfoundation.org/wwlam.](http://www.thelamfoundation.org/wwlam)

Since 1995, The LAM Foundation has raised nearly $35 million to support LAM research and patient support. Funding from The LAM Foundation led to groundbreaking discoveries, and the first FDA- approved treatment for LAM.

The LAM community isn’t a group I would have chosen to join, but today I am proud to be a part of this strong society of women. We are working together to find a cure. By donating today, you can help give a breath of hope to women with LAM across the globe. All donations support The LAM Foundation’s programs and fund LAM research.

Please donate today by mail to the address below, or online at [www.thelamfoundation.org.](http://www.thelamfoundation.org/) Click **DONATE NOW** and choose “Worldwide LAM Awareness Month” in the drop-down menu. Every gift helps give hope to women like me around the globe.

Sincerely,

Add Your Name Here