

IDF Capitol Hill Day 2008

IDF would like to extend our deepest gratitude to the 48 volunteers from all across the country who joined us in Washington, DC on April 17, 2008 for the IDF Capitol Hill Day. With great energy and determination, these volunteers met with 93 legislative offices on Capitol Hill to promote greater understanding and awareness of the unique needs of patient with primary immunodeficiency diseases (PIDD).

Our focus was to meet with legislators who sit on Committees with jurisdiction over Medicare legislation. Each office was asked to join us in working to fix the current IVIG access and reimbursement issue by supporting *The Medicare IVIG Access Act*.

This bill, which had been introduced in to the House of Representatives in June 2007, was also introduced into the Senate shortly following the IDF Capitol Hill Day. This progress, as well as the notable increase in Congressional support for this legislation, would never have been possible without the dedication of our grassroots advocacy volunteers.

To learn more about the current access and reimbursement problem facing patients with PIDD, or to write to your legislator about the issue,

Please visit www.primaryimmune.org.

“Due to an error in the Medicare reimbursement math, thousands of people are battling bureaucracy and sky high prices every day, just to get the treatment they need to stay alive. That’s wrong.”

Senator John F. Kerry

