



Bree B. (Illinois)



What is your connection to rare disease?

My mother was diagnosed with rare pancreatic disease 8 years ago. Her fight with her illness has inspired my career as an attorney with a specialization in health law. I am also an 8-year partner with the National Pancreas Foundation and a founding member of NPF - Camp Hope, assisting in community outreach for those with pediatric pancreatitis. I am also founding an NPF Junior Board, a coalition of young professionals to carry on grassroots efforts.

What are you hoping to accomplish by advocating and volunteering with NORD?

I hope to use my experience advocating to assist others in developing into advocates themselves, attract new volunteers, and assist in creating connections for NORD.

What has been helpful to you on your rare disease journey?

NORD and the National Pancreas Foundation have been wonderful resources for me and my mother in navigating her rare condition and advocating for policies to improve the lives of the rare disease community.