

VBF GLOBAL AMBASSADORS!!!

Welcome to November, our month of recognition and awareness! The VBF Global Ambassadors are an amazing group of volunteers for the Vascular Birthmarks Foundation who show support and spread awareness about vascular birthmarks and anomalies. In 2020, we organized our efforts into five committees, led by members of the VBF Global Ambassador Council. Each of these committees have **challenges** in November and it is up to the Global Ambassador community to carry out Dr. Linda Rozell-Shannon's challenges!

VBF Global Ambassador Council's Committees and Challenges

Regional & Virtual Meet-Ups

Led by [Chelsea Pentecost](#) & [Ava Pyles](#), the purpose of this committee is to organize, facilitate, and encourage members of the VBF Global Ambassador community to embrace connecting through channels other than social media. The committee will organize efforts for Zoom calls, IG Live and other digital tools. Additionally, we will organize our structure by region in order to build connections for people who live near one another. In today's climate, it's hard to meet in person, but as we recover from the global pandemic, this committee will organize live events for social and fundraising purposes.



On **11/22 at 11:30 AM EST**, Chelsea Pentecost's "Birthmark Social" & Scott's VBF Global Ambassadors will co-host a zoom call focusing on awareness and support in the vascular birthmark community. Zoom call-in information will be provided at request by Chelsea at chelsea.vbf@gmail.com We will also host an Instagram Live event on Tuesday 11/24 (Anti-Bullying) as well as multiple 'pop up' IG Lives throughout the month

During the 11/22 Zoom call, Scott, Sarah, and Chelsey will introduce details on this program and set a date to continue discussing the needs of our birthmark community. If you are interested in this committee, you will not want to miss the Zoom call! With that said, if you see a friend in need, please do not hesitate to tag a Global Ambassador so we can be there to support each other.

Role Models & Community Support

Our designated MVP title will be for those who embody the VBF values and have proven to be role models in the vascular birthmark community. Living with a vascular birthmark or anomaly can be hard, and this committee is focused on helping people in our community to have Global Ambassadors for VBF to network with for support. This committee is headed by [Scott Cupples](#), [Chelsey Peat](#), and [Sarah Diaz](#).

Anti-Bullying & Acceptance

Led by Mr. Port-Wine & Proud [Eric Pixley](#) and [Isabella Swanson](#), our Anti-Bullying pledge has relaunched; this program is now part of the VBF Global Ambassadors. The Vascular Birthmarks Foundation is a 'Bully-Free' zone and this committee will raise awareness in regards to handling bullying, acceptance and support.

Share the pledge! [Sign the pledge!](#) Tag five of your birthmark buddies in your post! This is an easy way to spread awareness and support VBF's Anti-Bullying Ask/Accept program. Tag Eric Pixley in all of your Anti-Bullying posts, so he can share them! On November 18, Isabella and Eric will be sharing a short video of Ambassadors sharing stories of their bullying/anti-bullying experiences. If you wish to participate, email scupples.VBF@gmail.com Videos are due to Scott no later than November 14!



Fundraising & Awareness

The Vascular Birthmarks Foundation has continued throughout the years with tremendous support from donations and fundraising. Some of our Global Ambassadors participate in challenges via the Give2VBF page, others have held large fundraising events, and others have done Facebook fundraisers. No matter the size, every penny in support of VBF helps our community and goes towards our mission of networking those affected by a vascular birthmark, anomaly, tumor or syndrome to the appropriate medical professionals for evaluation and treatment. Raising awareness and fundraising are instrumental to our mission, and this committee is led by [Michelle Lai](#) and [Alana Dolcemascolo](#).

There are three initiatives this month regarding fundraising

Giving Tuesday

VBF Challenges ALL of its Global Ambassadors to create a Facebook Fundraiser for 'Giving Tuesday on December 1st, 2020. To create a Facebook fundraiser, follow the simple instructions provided below:

<https://birthmark.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/08/How-to-create-a-VBF-Facebook-fundraiser.pdf>

VBF Birthday Birthmark Campaign

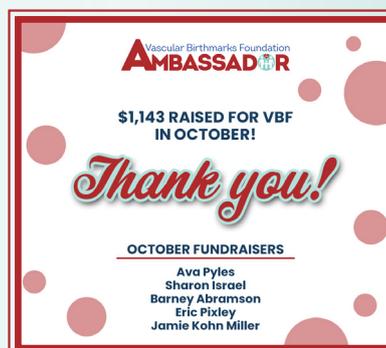
The easiest way to support VBF is to simply 'Give your birthday' to VBF. By filling out this link and creating a Facebook fundraiser for your birthday, VBF will give you a birthday gift!

Register now-> <https://birthmark.org/vbf-birthday-birthmark-campaign/>

Small Business Support Week

The last week of November, businesses in the birthmark community will be donating a portion of their proceeds to the Vascular Birthmarks Foundation.

Lastly, Dr. Linda has been working on a study related to correlations with COVID-19 and vascular birthmarks and anomalies. On (get date from Linda) VBF will be sharing the findings of the study, and we challenge you all to share this study in your birthmark networks.



Networking & Recruitment

Led by [Amanda Byram](#) and Scott Cupples, this committee is designed to expand the VBF Global Ambassador program and connect Ambassadors with areas of interest in the Vascular Birthmarks Foundation network. We are always looking to add VBF Global Ambassadors to our team and finding committees and task forces that match their areas of interest.

The VBF Global Ambassador program has over 260 registered members and over 860 members in our [Facebook group](#). I see no reason why we can't double in size in the month of November if every single one of you recruits just ONE birthmark buddy to join us. I challenge each and every one of you to teach a friend in your birthmark network about the VBF Global Ambassadors, and get them to join the Facebook group and register at the link below: www.birthmark.org/ambassador

Closing Remarks

Dr. Linda challenged us with tasks that are centralized around our recently formed committees. These committees were formed by the VBF Global Ambassador Council and have started holding meetings to launch initiatives. If you are interested in one (or more) of these areas, email me at scupples.VBF@gmail.com or find me on Facebook or IG.

The VBF Global Ambassadors are the backbone of the Vascular Birthmarks Foundation, and your efforts to spread awareness and support one another are inspiring, and do not go unnoticed. You all are recognized at every board meeting, and Dr. Linda is tremendously proud of what you all stand for. I am proud to lead this program, and am available on all platforms for any matters related to awareness and support for people affected by vascular birthmarks and anomalies.

Scott Cupples
Director, VBF Global Ambassador Program