

# FOUNDING PARTNER

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Judith Weeg is formerly with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). She has suffered from chronic Lyme disease for 18+ years. During this time she led the LDA of Iowa and created the LDUC, a global organization.

The Lyme Disease United Coalition is a 501 (C) (3) Non Profit corporation-tax exempt. The mission of the Lyme Disease United Coalition (LDUC) is to advocate for patients who have tick-borne illness resulting in Lyme disease, Babesia, Bartonella, Rocky Mountain spotted fever, Anaplasmosis, Tularemia, Powassan Encephalitis, Q fever, or Ehrlichia. The care of the Lyme disease patient is our number one priority, throughout the United States, Canada, and internationally. The LDUC has support groups in the United States and Canada. Our estimated population is 150,000 and growing. This encompasses support group members, as well as patients contacting us globally. We have been in existence for 19 years.

The purpose of our organization is to follow our motto: ***“Whoever destroys a soul, it is considered as if he destroyed an entire world. And, whoever saves a life, it is considered as if he saved an entire world.”*** [Talmud] and to leave no stone unturned in the care of a Lyme patient. We aid LD patients in obtaining Disability, Social Services, as well as covering every need a patient may express. We have covered medical costs, moving costs, rental costs, and transportation for LD patients.

The LDUC’s purpose, secondarily, is to educate the public and physicians regarding the emergence of tick-borne illness throughout the world. The LDUC works hand-in-hand with ILADS, a nonprofit, international, multi-disciplinary medical society, and locates doctors to be educated in the ILADS Physician Training Program.

For physician training go to: <http://www.ilads.org/>

## **OUR PROJECTS or ACTIVITIES:**

1. A Bill was introduced into Congress regarding doctor education, for Lyme disease, following ILADS guidelines. The Bill is pending.
2. Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa, and Senator Harry Reid of Nevada, have been champions of the cause of the Lyme Disease United Coalition. Senator Grassley submitted the LDUC’s Bill to Congress.
3. Pending project of a combination Lyme hospital and nursing home will open in 2013.
4. We work to locate doctors for education in the ILADS Physician Training Program. Over the years, we have sent numerous physicians from various countries to be educated. Our most recent request is from a doctor in Croatia. ILADS has a global recognition.

5. Belgium has recently linked to the LDUC, and will soon have support groups.
6. The LDUC has aided in the editing and promotion of Dr. Burton Waisbren's historically important book: TREATMENT OF CHRONIC LYME DISEASE.
7. We have educated 40,000 farmers at a worldwide agricultural event in Iowa, with brochures from the LDUC and ILADS, as well as with displays of Lyme disease posters.
8. We have created telephone conference support groups for bed-ridden or home-bound patients. We now have a Morgellans group, a young adult group, and an adult group, meetings once per week.
9. We have support groups in various states and Canada with approximately 50 chapters between the two countries.
10. The LDUC has interfaced with Health Departments and Governors, as well as Medical Boards in most states, to change the face of Lyme disease treatment. The most recent interaction is in New York State with Governor Cuomo, legislators, and entomologists at the bequest of our great New York leader, Eva Haughe, regarding Lyme disease.
11. Judith Weeg is publishing a series of books, for children and teens in Canada and the United States, which is currently being published. These books are to be distributed in 2013. Each book is age appropriate, for young children up to high school age teens.