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Dear {Person/Organization Name}:

On behalf of Scleroderma Foundation Heartland Chapter, we invite you to be a sponsor of our **10th Annual Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma Walk** fundraiser on June 25th, 2022. This year our fundraiser will be **VIRTUAL**. Between now and June 25th, our patients will walk with family and friends, and post photos and videos to social media discussing why a cure is vital. Then, our constituents will meet for a Zoom live event on Saturday, June 25th. Proceeds raised will go **to fund Scleroderma support groups, education days, advocacy, and research** to treat, and eventually cure, this rare and devastating illness.

Why help? We are asking for help in this pandemic because the number of people being diagnosed with this disease is rising. We are getting more calls asking for answers. This could be your mother, sister, brother, or child. Please help us raise awareness and find a cure.

Scleroderma is a rare autoimmune disease with no cure. The disease - which literally means "hard skin" - can cause thickening and tightening of the skin as well as serious damage to a number of internal organs including the lungs, heart, kidneys, esophagus, and gastrointestinal tract. Twenty percent of Scleroderma patients will get or have Pulmonary Arterial Hypertension, a rare lung disease. We hope this event will raise awareness so people can be diagnosed in the earlier stages of the illness and begin treatment more promptly. There **is** hope! Events like ours are adding to that hope every day.

We are writing to you to invite you to be a part of this year's Stepping Out to Cure Scleroderma event. We are seeking assistance in raising funds to continue to offer a free local Scleroderma Education Day, provide scholarships for Heartland scleroderma patients to attend the Scleroderma National Education Conference, fund research for a cure, and spread awareness of Scleroderma. Will you consider supporting our 2022 fundraising event?

We are asking for sponsorship or grant monies in the amount of **{\$250}**. This donation will enable us to host our fall Education Day, which features doctors and nurses talking directly to patients, caregivers, families, and medical personnel wishing to learn more about this disease.

On behalf of people with Scleroderma, their families, caregivers, and friends, I thank you for considering our request and look forward to hearing from you by **June 1, 2022**. Please help us find a cure for Scleroderma.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

{Name}

{Title, Ex: Event Organizer & Scleroderma Patient}

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