



(Atlanta, GA) Enduring Hearts announces Janet Scheel, M.D., as the new Chair of the Scientific Advisory Committee. Dr. Janet Scheel is a Professor of Pediatrics specializing in Pediatric Cardiology and Pediatric Heart Failure and Transplant. Over the past 30 years, Dr. Scheel has been the medical director of four transplant programs. Currently, she is the Medical Director of the Heart Transplant Program at Saint Louis Children's Hospital. She has served on the SAC since 2013, and with her new role, she is officially a member of the Enduring Hearts Board of Directors. "Research is the heart of our organization, and the Scientific Advisory Committee members serve a strategic role in achieving our mission. The members represent some of the most prestigious medical institutions in the world. As one of the most respected leaders in the pediatric heart transplant field, it is an honor and privilege to have Dr. Janet Scheel lead this committee," announced Enduring Hearts CEO, Lynda Lee Smith.

The SAC comprises 20 of the top pediatric cardiologists, cardiothoracic surgeons, and immunologists from highly esteemed institutions with many years of patient care and clinical research experience. With a focus on advancing pediatric heart transplant research, the SAC diligently evaluates grant proposals, providing invaluable insights that enable us to direct funding towards the most promising projects within our research priorities: *Innovation, Cardiac allograft vasculopathy (CAV) and Immunology, and Longevity*. This review process ensures that our resources are efficiently allocated to research endeavors with the potential to make a tangible impact on the longevity and quantity of life of children living with heart transplants. Enduring Hearts has funded more than 60 groundbreaking research projects in pediatric heart transplantation throughout the past decade, contributing to invaluable advancements in the field.

Dr. Scheel will succeed Dr. Robert Boucek, Jr., who served as the SAC Chair for the last 7 years, where he spearheaded noteworthy progress in pediatric heart transplantation research. "I am excited to see the progress that we can make in the coming decade. The SAC plays the significant role of evaluating research proposals so that we can be certain to fund the research that will have the most benefit for our patients. I am honored to serve as the Chair of the SAC," said Dr. Janet Scheel.

About Enduring Hearts

Enduring Hearts is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to funding innovative research aimed at improving the lives of children living with transplanted hearts. For more information, please visit enduringhearts.org