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*No man is an island,  
Entire of itself,  
Every man is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.*

John Donne

Wise words from a poet born 444 years ago explain why we gather here in Orlando every July to share, to learn, to comfort, to laugh, to cry, to renew, and to replenish — because we cannot do this alone.

If you wear a green bracelet, your very life rests upon the shoulders of giants, beginning with Banting, Best, Macleod, and Collip, flowing through decades of discovery, innovation, and toil that has given us the amazing medicines and devices and doctors and nurses of today.

If you wear an orange bracelet, your heart is filled with joy because of those very same giants, and you are called upon to be the outstretched hand in moments of need and to offer comfort in the face of obstacles seemingly insurmountable.

Together, we make each other better, smarter, and happier. Together, we push ourselves to tackle challenges and to never settle. Together, we discover new ways to savor every day, knowing that even better days lie ahead.

To my green and orange bracelet family, I welcome you to our little island of joy, our Friends for Life.



Connor, whose smile brightens our family's days



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