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Dear Friends & Families:

We are writing to communicate to you important changes within our organization.

Effective immediately, our governing board has made the decision to become completely independent of the national Spina Bifida Association. While we feel our organization and our constituents have benefited from this relationship, we feel that to best carry out our purposes, and to most efficiently and economically operate, we needed to be a local organization independent of the national structure.

Additionally, while we shared some common core goals, several of the initiatives and programs of the national association had become more and more divergent from our core goals. As such, we've ended that association with the goal of continuing to provide our constituents with the support and services they have come to expect.

What has Changed?

We have changed our name to the "*West Michigan Spina Bifida Organization*".

We've got a new look and feel! Visit wmspinabifida.org to see more.

What hasn't changed?

Our Board Members, or programs, our events, and our goals. We are still a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization dedicated to serving and supporting those individuals and families affected by or touched in some way by Spina Bifida and its related conditions.

Feel free to contact us with any of your thoughts, questions, or concerns! We look forward to continuing to work with you!

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