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### **IBD Connect Inc. Blog Collaborations Program**

IBD Connect Inc. is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to support, engage, and empower pediatric inflammatory bowel disease (IBD) patients and their families. Our comprehensive programs and educational resources are specifically designed to do one or more of the following: *support* IBD families in need, *engage* IBD families in building a strong community, and *empower* IBD families to make a difference in the lives of other families in need.

As part of our commitment to empowerment, IBD Connect offers the **Blog Collaborations Program**. This innovative program invites individuals impacted by IBD to share their unique journeys through our online blog. Whether by crafting a guest blog post or participating in an interview-style feature, everyone impacted by IBD is encouraged to contribute their voice. Please see below for specific program details.

#### **Why Participate:**

Sharing your story through our Blog Collaborations Program offers a powerful opportunity to connect with others in the IBD community, raise awareness about the challenges and triumphs of living with IBD, and inspire hope and solidarity. Your willingness to share your story can not only be an empowering experience for you, but also a reassurance and comfort for others facing similar situations.

#### **Who Can Participate:**

Anyone impacted by pediatric IBD, including patients, caregivers, family members, friends, healthcare professionals, and advocates, among others, are welcome to participate in our Blog Collaborations Program.

#### **Program Details:**

Our Blog Collaborations Program provides two avenues for participation:

1. Guest Blog Posts: Share your story, insights, and experiences with the IBD community through a written blog post. Whether it's a personal narrative, informative/educational piece, or advocacy-focused article, your contribution can make a meaningful impact.

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2. Blog Interviews: Engage in a written interview with our team, where we'll guide you through a series of questions designed to highlight your journey with IBD. This interactive format offers a personal and dynamic way to share your story.

**Additional Information and Requirements Regarding Guest Blog Posts:**

- Length: 500-2000 words
- Formatting: Please format your blog post using a 12-point Times New Roman font, double-spaced. This will ensure consistency and readability across all submissions. Thank you for your cooperation! Please submit your post as a Word document or Google Doc, accompanied by any images or graphics you wish to include.
- Content: We welcome original and pertinent submissions tailored to the IBD community, centering around personal experiences, practical advice, advocacy efforts, educational insights, or any topic relevant to pediatric IBD. While crafting your post, please consider that our blog primarily serves parents and caregivers of children diagnosed with pediatric IBD. However, we encourage contributions that resonate with anyone impacted by IBD, fostering a diverse and inclusive dialogue
- Review Process: Our team will review all submissions for relevance, clarity, and adherence to our guidelines. We may provide feedback or request revisions before publishing.

**Additional Information and Requirements Regarding Blog Interviews:**

- Format: If you choose to participate in a blog interview, you will receive an emailed set of ten interview questions via Word document and/or Google Drive, allowing you to write out your answers at your convenience. You'll have the flexibility to respond in detail, reflecting on your experiences and insights.
- Duration: Participants can take their time to craft thoughtful responses, with no time constraints.
- Submission: Once you've completed your written responses, simply return the document to our main blog author, Hannah Marmor, via email at [hannahmarmor@ibdconnectinc.org](mailto:hannahmarmor@ibdconnectinc.org).
- Review Process: Our team will review your written responses for clarity, relevance, and authenticity. We may offer feedback or request clarifications if needed before proceeding to publication.



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### **How to Participate and Submission Details:**

If you would like to participate in our Blog Collaborations Program by writing a ***guest blog post***, please kindly review the above guidelines as you draft your post. When you are ready for submission, you can choose to upload your piece to our main website via the submission platform. You may also choose to email your piece directly to Hannah Marmor at [hannahmarmor@ibdconnectinc.org](mailto:hannahmarmor@ibdconnectinc.org). Please note that our team will review your work for clarity, relevance, authenticity, and adherence to our guidelines, and submission does not guarantee that your work will be published. Furthermore, we may offer feedback or request clarifications if needed before proceeding to publication. We will contact you via email if revisions are needed. If only minor grammatical corrections are necessary, we may choose to edit the piece for you. If this is the case, we will email you the corrected piece for your approval before publication. Once a publication date is set, we will inform you promptly via email.

If you would like to participate in our Blog Collaborations Program via a ***written interview***, please email your interest to our blog author, Hannah Marmor, at [hannahmarmor@ibdconnectinc.org](mailto:hannahmarmor@ibdconnectinc.org). ***Please include in your email the topic you would like your interview questions to focus on.*** Example topics that we have covered in previous interviews include:

- Living with an ostomy
- Parenting a child with IBD
- Insights from pediatric gastroenterologist on IBD
- A behavior analyst's look on behavior therapy in pediatric IBD care
- Growing up with IBD
- A sibling's perspective on pediatric IBD

Please note that even if a topic has been covered before, we're eager to hear your unique perspective—every voice is valued and welcomed.

### **Questions, Concerns, or More Information:**

For any questions, concerns, or additional information about our Blog Collaborations Program, please don't hesitate to contact our blog writer, Hannah Marmor, via email at [hannahmarmor@ibdconnectinc.org](mailto:hannahmarmor@ibdconnectinc.org). We're here to support you every step of the way.



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Together, let's amplify the voices of the IBD community and foster a sense of unity, understanding, and empowerment. Thank you for your willingness to share your story with us!

**Nondiscrimination Clause:**

IBD Connect Inc. is dedicated to ensuring equal opportunity for all participants in our Blog Collaborations Program. We pledge to provide access to our program and its benefits without regard to age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability, or any other protected status, as outlined by relevant federal, state, and local regulations. Our commitment extends to all aspects of our program, including the selection process for guest blog posts and interviewees. Discrimination has no place in our organization's operations.

***Have questions or concerns? Contact us!***

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