AMY A. PISANI, M.S. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VACCINATE YOUR FAMILY

Amy Pisani is a leading authority on vaccines for all age groups. For twenty-five years she has served as the Executive Director of Vaccinate Your Family, which was founded in 1991 by Former First Lady Rosalynn Carter and Betty Bumpers, wife of Senator Dale Bumpers.

The mission of VYF is to ensure the timely immunization of people of all ages. Ms. Pisani has played an integral part in setting standards for immunization in America today. She has served as a member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Vaccine Advisory Committee and regularly serves on CDC ad hoc committees. She is a proud Paul Harris Fellow and current President of her local Rotary Club focusing the year of the pandemic on keeping the first responders and at-risk communities safe from and informed about COVID-19.

Knowing that vaccines have saved and continue to save millions of lives inspires her on a daily basis to focus on the mission of Vaccinate Your Family. VYF regularly hosts legislative briefings aimed at securing sufficient congressional funding of vaccine programs and to provide ongoing education regarding the safety and importance of vaccines. VYF serves as a consistent source to the media, helping to ensure science-based reporting on vaccines. VYF has a substantial social media presence, reaching over 3.8 million people annually with science-based information about the importance of timely vaccinations and the safety of vaccines for people of all ages.

VYF's co-founders have been credited with helping pass state laws mandating childhood vaccines for school entry and the organization continues to actively support enforcement of these laws and new mandates for college entry. To forward its agenda the organization has enlisted the support of elected officials and their spouses, concerned community leaders, and representatives of many local and national organizations. By traveling to every state in the nation Carter and Bumpers were also instrumental in helping to form local and statewide immunization coalitions that are critical to the successful implementation of vaccination programs nationwide and VYF staff work closely with coalitions to this day.