

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 23, 2014

DR. CHRISTINE TENAGLIA'S SEPTEMBER FUNDRAISER RAISED \$200 FOR THE LIFE AS A ZEBRA FOUNDATION

OKEMOS, MI – Dr. Christine Tenaglia is proud to announce that her dentistry practice's September fundraising efforts raised \$200 for the Lansing-based, Life as a Zebra Foundation.

For the month of September, the office was decorated with University of Michigan and Michigan State accessories. Patients were able to choose a University of Michigan or Michigan State accessory and had the opportunity to add money to their school's donation bank.

Michigan State's donation bank had the most contributions and the fundraiser brought in \$100. Dr. Tenaglia matched that amount and presented Katie Dama Jaskolski, President and Co-Founder of the Life as a Zebra Foundation, a \$200 check on Tuesday, October 21, 2014.

"It means a lot to me and our foundation that Dr. Tenaglia and her team devoted a whole month to educating patients about these often overlooked invisible illnesses, while also raising funds for Life as a Zebra. It is because of doctors like her that we are able to continue to carry out our mission to try and make a difference in the lives of people with invisible illnesses," says Dama Jaskolski.

96% of people with chronic medical conditions live with a condition that is invisible. Invisible illnesses are chronic conditions that are not easily observed by the general public, and are often not readily seen by medical professionals. Invisible illnesses include lupus, fibromyalgia, interstitial cystitis, rheumatoid arthritis, vasculitis, Crohn's disease, and Ehlers-Danlos syndrome, among others.

About Dr. Christine Tenaglia

Dr. Christine Tenaglia has been given the "People's Choice Award" as the area's favorite dentist by the Lansing Community Newspapers, and been featured on Fox News, WLNS TV, WKBD TV in Detroit, and in the Detroit News, The Lansing State Journal, The Michigan Dental Association Magazine, and on WJIM AM Radio. Dr. Tenaglia chaired the Michigan Association's Annual Meeting in 2006, when the organization commemorated its 150th anniversary.

Dr. Tenaglia graduated from the University Of Michigan School Of Dentistry in 1992. She has studied at the acclaimed Las Vegas Institute for Advanced Dental Studies; The Pankey Institute, in Miami, Florida, Dawson Center in Tampa, Florida, and Louisiana State University.

She has maintained a private practice in Lansing area since 1993. Since establishing her [general dentistry](#) practice in Okemos in 1997, she has focused on cosmetic and reconstructive dentistry. Dr. Tenaglia's office is located at 3985 Okemos Road in Okemos, Michigan.

About Life as a Zebra Foundation

The Life as a Zebra Foundation was founded by two sisters, Katie Dama Jaskolski and Allie Dama, who each lived with debilitating symptoms while searching for correct medical diagnoses. Dama Jaskolski has been diagnosed with Ehlers-Danlos syndrome and postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome. Dama was diagnosed with polyarteritis nodosa vasculitis.

The Life as a Zebra Foundation educates, advocates, and secures funds and charitable contributions for the prevention, treatment, and research of various hard to diagnose invisible illnesses. For more information, please contact Katie Dama Jaskolski at 517-256-1088 or katie@zebration.org and visit their website at www.ZebraNation.org.

###