



# Hepatitis Foundation International

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In observance of Hepatitis Awareness Month, I am posting to this blog daily, highlighting websites and organizations that are doing remarkable work educating the public, raising awareness, and making a difference in the lives of those affected by viral hepatitis. I suggest you visit each site, and find out what they are doing, how you can stay informed, and possibly help with their efforts.

When I began hepatitis C advocacy work, there were a handful of organizations that were raising awareness (unlike now where there are more organizations than there are days in Hepatitis Awareness Month). One organization was the [Hepatitis Foundation International](#) (HFI), founded by Thelma King Thiel, aka the "Liver Lady." Ms. Thiel has dedicated her life to educating people about the importance of liver health following the loss of her four-year-old son Dean to a rare liver disease in 1970. The Liver Lady has moved on to other liver-related ventures, but HFI still carries on in promoting liver wellness.

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