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**IVUN Celebrates 20th Anniversary**

International Ventilator Users Network (IVUN) celebrates 20 years as a worldwide resource for ventilator users, respiratory health professionals, and ventilator manufacturers. Created in 1987, IVUN’s goal was to reach more people whose health conditions cause them to use assisted ventilation long-term.

Mickie McGraw writes, “Time and again, IVUN and the people behind it have been my primary link to the resources I need to live a quality life independently. Permanent disability does not mean static disability – my body and the world around me is ever-changing, and IVUN helps me access the resources I need to adapt and cope with these changes. Whether it’s for information about the newest positive pressure face mask or help and encouragement to get through surgery requiring a general anesthetic, IVUN has been there for me and I’m eternally grateful!”

**IVUN’s New Website – www.ventusers.org**

Ventilator users and health professionals can now access IVUN’s site – www.ventusers.org – directly rather than through www.post-polio.org. However, the sites are similar in design and at the bottom of every page there is a link to the other site.

The site also has a “Find” button, which will allow users to access the information they need more efficiently. Special areas include Home Ventilator Guide, Resource Directory for Ventilator-Assisted Living, IVUN’s Ventilatory Equipment Exchange, and many articles from past issues of Ventilator-Assisted Living.

**Resource Directory for Ventilator-Assisted Living Updated Every Fall**

Every fall IVUN contacts the institutions, health professionals, organizations and associations, equipment manufacturers and facilities with long-term ventilator units which are listed in its Resource Directory for Ventilator-Assisted Living to confirm the information. Watch for your email from info@ventusers.org in late September.

Others who may want to be listed are asked to look at the Directory online at www.ventusers.org/net/VentDIR.pdf. and send their contact information to info@ventusers.org.
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