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GIVING TUESDAY TRIPLE MATCH
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3X Match on Tuesday, December 2 only!

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Save the Date— Triple Your Gift on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is the best time to donate—and make thee times the difference! Donate to MTF's Year-End Giving Drive on Tuesday, December 2nd, and the American Massage Therapy Association (AMTA) will generously triple match your gift—up to \$75k total!

Set a reminder in your calendar today—and triple your support for research investigating the benefits of massage. Make three times the difference for underserved populations in need of healing touch. Multiply your impact on MTF educational programming like webinars, research conferences, and our online journal, *IJTMB*. **We are grateful for your support at any amount!**

Triple Your Impact on Tuesday, December 2nd

New Research Perch: MT for Multiple Sclerosis Case Report

Enjoy a lively and informative discussion as MTF Case Report Contest Chair, Robin Miccio, speaks with 2025 Silver Award winner Hailey Robertson about her report, "Massage Therapy for Multiple Sclerosis."

Listen in as Hailey speaks about her methods, results, and insights stemming from this client case.



[Watch Now](#)

Robin Miccio Joins MTF Board of Trustees



We are thrilled to welcome Robin Miccio, MS, LMT, to the MTF Board of Trustees (BOT)!

A licensed massage therapist for over 15 years, Robin's career has spanned private practice, massage education, multidisciplinary clinical settings and pediatric hospital environments. Robin previously served the MTF BOT from 2018–2021, and has been an active MTF volunteer for the past ten years. **Learn more about Robin and our other talented volunteers at the link below.**

Volunteer Profiles

MessageNet Member Meeting: Register Now

MessageNet Member Virtual Convening #3:

Case Series Study Next Steps

Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2025

Time: 6:00-8:00pm EDT

Planning work for the first member-generated research study continues! This session will begin with a short overview of what has occurred in previous meetings, and then will explore data collection methodology for 'soft' data. All members are welcome, whether or not you have attended previous convenings.



Register Today

MessageNet membership is free; please [take the survey here to join](#).

Questions? Please contact: massagenet@massagefoundation.org

Call for Papers: *IJTMB* Special Issue on Pain Management and Pain Science



The *International Journal of Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (IJTMB)* seeks submissions for a special issue on Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork for Pain Management and Pain Science.

The issue will showcase the potential for massage and bodywork to impact the understanding, treatment, and lived experience of pain, as well as quality of life and overall wellness.

IJTMB invites researchers, educators, practitioners, students, and advocates to submit original research, case reports, literature reviews,

commentaries, and more (please see full description). **The submission deadline is December 31, 2026.**

[Learn More](#)

Sign up to receive *IJTMB* updates, including notifications when new issues are released, at www.ijtmb.org. *IJTMB* is free, peer-reviewed, and PubMed Central indexed. It is the official journal of the Massage Therapy Foundation and the Registered Massage Therapists Association of British Columbia (RMTBC).

Grants and Contests

The following MTF grants and contests are now open, with application deadlines as follows:

- **[Case Report Contest](#):** Submit year-round with next deadline June 1, 2026
- **[Research Support Grant \(up to \\$30k\)](#):** Opens Dec 1, 2025, closes February 28, 2026
- **[Research Grant \(\\$30k-\\$300k\)](#):** Opens Dec 1, 2025, LOI due by February 28, 2026
- **[Community Service Grant \(20k\)](#):** Now opening January 1, 2025, closes March 15, 2026

Additional grant opportunities to open late Fall 2026.

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