



# FIGHTING FLAMES

The Official Newsletter of Fight the Flame®

**Welcome to the first edition of Fighting Flames, the official newsletter of Fight the Flame®.**

**Each issue will contain information pertaining to CRPS, health, and positive living.**

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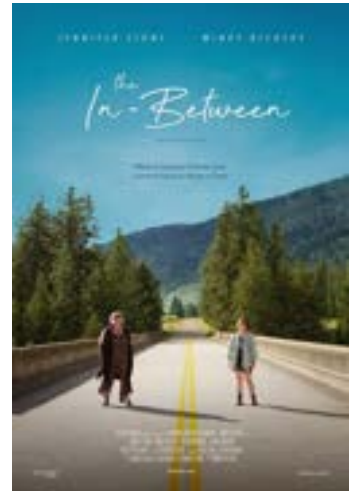
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## **"The In-Between"**

CRPS Warrior Mindy Bledsoe (Writer, Director, Actress) recently released her movie "The In-



Between. The movie follows Junior (Bledsoe) and Mads (Jennifer Stone) as they take a road trip to Portland. The duo who are both battling invisible diseases; Mads, diabetes and Junior, Complex Regional Pain Syndrome, learn a lot about their friendship, their past and their families along the way.

The movie has already won six awards and is bound for more.

Watch it now:

<http://inbetweenmovie2019.com/>

## RSDSA is hosting a Caregivers Support Call



### “Navigating the Impact of CRPS on Caregivers”

**Thursday January 28, 2021 7:00-8:30 PM (EST)  
via Zoom**

There will be a presentation discussion by Leanne R. Cianfrini PHD. Dr. Cianfrini is a registered psychologist for the pain and Medical Management program at the CBI Health Group.

She will talk about the unique dynamics of caring for a loved one with persistent pain and offer encouraging tips. A question and answer period will follow.

This event is intended for caregivers and loved ones, not CRPS patients.

Space is limited, so please register in advance:

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After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Please submit any questions to: [fsg.rsdsa@gmail.com](mailto:fsg.rsdsa@gmail.com)

**You Asked.  
We  
Answered.**

**How Would You Explain CRPS  
To Someone?**

**I just show them the McGill pain scale. And ask for forgiveness if I am unable to be 'myself' any given day  
– T.A.**



*Hell in a hand basket! Seriously though if I am keeping it short, I say I had an injury and my nervous system malfunctioned and keeps firing nonstop pain signals. I have permanent 24/7 pain that is pretty bad. It's crazy and I never had heard of it until I got it. It also took many Dr's to convince me I even had it. – D.F*

**That my brain keeps telling my knee that I'm still in surgery on a 24/7 loop. – M.P.**

*I just say my brain constantly misfires pain signals to my feet. Something is always occurring--burning, electrical zaps, pain. Most of the time it feels like how your feet feel after you've walked all day at a zoo in a pair of shoes one size too small. And it feels that way when you've not walked anywhere. I also add that they are always coming out with new treatments that many people have found helpful. And that I have more good days than bad ones and I am always hopeful. – S.M*

*...CRPS is basically their nerves going rogue. They tell their bodies that they're on fire even though there is no injury. In a flare up, the pain is even more pronounced. They can't be touched on nor can they use effected limbs. Doing so results in them screaming. They fight fire! – A.M*

**Question for Next Issue:**

**What CRPS treatments have helped you the most so far?**

- Please send your thoughts to [BethFightTheFlame@gmail.com](mailto:BethFightTheFlame@gmail.com)



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SUPPORTING RESEARCH, EDUCATION & AWARENESS OF RSD/CRPS

Did you know there is a  
**Fight the Flame CRPS Support Group?**

We meet the 2nd Saturday of each  
month

1- 3pm EST via Zoom

Monthly flyers are posted on Facebook  
and sent out to those  
signed up on our email list.

**If you would like to join our email list, send an  
email to: [BethFightTheFlame@gmail.com](mailto:BethFightTheFlame@gmail.com)**

Newsletters are a great way to update everyone to upcoming events, new information and keeping in touch.

We hope that you will use it as a source to gain relevant information, updates and stories. If you have something that you would like to be considered added to a future issue, please email us.

*Wishing you a low pain  
day!*



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