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Dear Duchenne Community,

Along with our broader Sarepta team, we are happy to share exciting news with you! Today, the 79<sup>th</sup> day of 2018, we announce the launch of **Route 79, The Duchenne Scholarship Program**, an annual scholarship program designed to support students diagnosed with Duchenne muscular dystrophy (DMD) as they pursue their post-secondary education.

This quote from our CEO expresses our feelings well: *“We are pleased to announce the launch of our Route 79, The Duchenne Scholarship Program. The road traveled by each individual with DMD is distinct. We are honored to help empower the educational goals of those DMD students who have chosen higher education; and we are excited to follow the achievements and societal contributions these remarkable individuals can make in the future.”* - Doug Ingram, Sarepta CEO.

Through this program, scholarships of up to **\$10,000 will be awarded** to up to **10 individuals**, and will be available to students in time for the **Fall 2018 semester**.

 <b>Route 79, The Duchenne Scholarship Program</b>	
<b>Why Route 79?</b>	DMD is caused by error(s) in the dystrophin gene, resulting in a lack of dystrophin protein. The number <u>79</u> has special significance as there are 79 exons (pieces of protein code) in the dystrophin gene.
<b>Who is eligible to apply?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- High school senior <u>or</u> college freshman, sophomore, junior</li><li>- Good academic standing</li><li>- Accepted or enrolled into an accredited post-secondary institution in the U.S.</li><li>- Diagnosed with DMD</li></ul>
<b>How will Route 79 scholars be chosen?</b>	Up to 10 scholarships of up to \$10,000 will be awarded. Scholars will be selected by an independent committee of DMD community members based upon community involvement and a personal essay.
<b>Where can I learn more?</b>	Please visit <a href="http://Sarepta.com/Route79">Sarepta.com/Route79</a> to learn more about Route 79, The Duchenne Scholarship Program and to apply online by May 31, 2018. You will also find a Frequently Asked Questions document available for download.

Once again, we're thrilled to share this program with you all!

Happy first day of Spring,

The Sarepta Patient Advocacy Team  
(Diane, Siobhan, and Allison)

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