



## MISSION ~

- \* Promote better health by supporting patient care, education, and research in biotherapy

## DISEASES IMPACTED ~

- \* Diabetes, pressure ulcers, venous stasis, leg ulcers, burns, gangrene, traumatic and surgical amputations, multiple sclerosis, epilepsy, stroke, spinal cord injury, depression, rheumatologic & autoimmune diseases

## TREATMENTS ENCOMPASSED ~

- \* Maggot therapy, leech therapy (hirudotherapy), apitherapy (honeybee therapy), pet therapy, and diagnostic sniffer dogs

## IMPORTANCE and JUSTIFICATION for the FOUNDATION ~

- \* Biotherapeutic medicine is centuries old; thousands of practitioners are using these medical treatments in their practices today
- \* Few medical schools and training programs (whether allopathic or homeopathic) teach biotherapeutic modalities
- \* No other organization evaluates or accredits practitioners in biotherapeutic competence
- \* Many insurance companies do not reimburse for biotherapeutic treatments
- \* Poor reimbursement and the inability to patent living creatures prevent most biotherapeutic modalities from becoming profitable enough to inspire corporate investment, development, or support

## SELECTED FOUNDATION PROGRAMS ~

- \* **Patient Assistance Fund** - subsidizes treatment costs for patients without medical insurance or other payment means
- \* **Production and distribution** of educational materials for therapists and patients
- \* **Training** courses in biotherapeutic medicine
- \* **Certification** and accreditation of biotherapy practitioners
- \* **Research Development Grants** - supporting presenters at national and international conferences
- \* **The BeTER LeTTER** - the Foundation's newsletter provides the latest in biotherapeutic news, research and insights for patients, therapists, researchers, and students

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT ~

- \* The BeTER Foundation is a registered not-for-profit charity, under IRS 501[c]3. Tax ID Number: 83-0351746.