FACT SHEET

HISTORY
Founded in 1997 by Lynne Matallana and Karen Lee Richards, who met over the Internet after both were diagnosed with fibromyalgia—a chronic, often debilitating, pain illness affecting an estimated 10 million Americans and approximately 5% of the population worldwide.

MISSION STATEMENT
To develop and execute programs dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with Fibromyalgia (FM) through up-to-date comprehensive information and awareness of this complex chronic pain illness that challenges patients and healthcare professionals alike.

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PUBLICATIONS
The New Fibromyalgia AWARE – Virtual magazine launched 2014. First and only national virtual FM consumer magazine.

Fibromyalgia AWARE – Quarterly magazine launched May 2002-2011; First and only national FM consumer magazine.
Subscriber: 20,000; Readership: 500,000

FM Online Newsletter – Award-winning website:
www.FMaware.org
Receives over 150,000 monthly visitors

PHILOSOPHY
One should never feel alone. There is always hope.