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Dear Friend:

On behalf of the Center for Celiac Research at the University of Maryland (CFCR) I would like to enlist your assistance in supporting the great work accomplished there by donating a product or service for the silent auction or raffle, and/or sponsoring the Annual Chip in for Celiac Golf Event on Friday, May 15, 2009. This event is being held at the Whitney Farms Golf Course, 175 Shelton Rd RT.110, Monroe, CT 06468.

Celiac disease is a genetic-based digestive disorder triggered by the protein gluten found in wheat, barley, and rye. When someone predisposed to the disease ingests gluten, an autoimmune reaction occurs thus leading to damage of the intestines.

The Center for Celiac Research is recognized as a worldwide leader in the field of celiac disease. It houses a comprehensive multidisciplinary program covering clinical care, support services, education, and scientific research relating to celiac disease. Your participation as a sponsor and/or auction donor will greatly assist the work of the CFR.

A donation from this event will be made to The Greater New Haven Celiac Group. The group has been a benefit to all who have celiac disease, parents of celiac children and those with dermatitis herpetiformis for over twelve years. The primary goal of the group is to make celiacs aware of the medical necessity of adhering strictly to the gluten-free diet by encouraging, educating and supporting them to accept the GF diet as a lifestyle in order to make their lives healthier and more enjoyable.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important fundraising event. Together, we can make a difference in the lives of patients and their families with celiac disease.

For more information, please contact Chris Wheeler at (203) 463-9422 or email cifcgt@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Chris Wheeler