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Dear Friends:

We are hoping you will help to make our silent auction fundraiser a reverberating success!

The Oley Foundation, a national nonprofit organization provides education, support, and networking opportunities to people who require home intravenous and/or tube feeding in order to survive and thrive. These therapies offer long-term alternatives for people, like Nina (right) who cannot otherwise obtain essential nutrients due to congenital defects, illnesses such as Crohn's disease, short bowel syndrome, cancer, mitochondrial diseases, and many others. Several thousand people in the United States are dependent on these therapies, and we strive make a difference in their quality of life.

We are hosting our Twenty-fourth Annual Consumer/Clinician Conference at the *Trade Winds in St. Petersburg, FL from June 28-July 2*. To offset the costs of this conference—which is offered free to people who depend on these life-saving nutrition therapies and their families—we are coordinating a silent auction and a walk-a-thon, to take place during the conference. Please consider donating an item or two to help stimulate enthusiasm in the auction and to raise funds.

The attached brochure will help you better understand the mission and goals of the Oley Foundation. Please don't hesitate to call with any questions. We hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

Joan Bishop
Executive Director

June Badden
Regional Coordinator Volunteer



We never dreamed that our daughter would be born without a throat, along with other serious medical issues. Feeding her orally was not an option but through her feeding tube she receives fluids, fruits and vegetables.

The Oley Foundation has been a wonderful and never ending support for our family.

*Lesley & Joe M.
Clearwater, FL*