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Summer Reminders!

Please remember to recruit siblings who are home for the summer; if they have a sibling, who receives care at another center, please let us know and we will coordinate recruitment! As a reminder, **Centers will be paid \$400 for enrollment of each family with 2 affected siblings and both parents, and \$150 for each additional CF sibling in the family.**

Parents!

Recruiting both parents is not always an easy task, and you may wonder why we stress this collection so often. Genome wide association studies have proven to be an increasingly powerful tool to find genes responsible for disease. Recently, using this method, researchers have made significant progress in determining the genes involved in Type 2 Diabetes. To best perform this association analysis, we need **both** parents to determine patterns of transmission through generations. When speaking to parents about this research study, it can be helpful to let them know that **THEY** can make a personal contribution to CF by participating in this project.

Letter to Non-Participating CF Centers

Recently, we sent letters to CF centers across the US who are not currently recruiting patients for this study, inviting them to join us in this unique project. In many instances, we are approaching these centers for the first time, and in others it is a second, or even repeated, appeal. Please keep in mind that significant resources, both from the CF Foundation and from the National Institutes of Health have been committed to this project. We cannot fulfill the study aims without your help.

Best Regards,

Garry