



*Help along the way*

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Dear Friends:

Please help make the **Oley Foundation silent auction/raffles** a reverberating success!

The Oley Foundation, a national, nonprofit organization provides education, support, and networking opportunities to people unable to absorb nutrition from the food, and who depend on home intravenous feeding, and/or tube feeding, (like Natalie, right). Several thousand people in the United States are dependent on these therapies and find that connecting to Oley programs reduces catheter-related bloodstream infections and incidences of depression, and increases overall quality of life. We are making a significant difference! Natalie's parents often share this sentiment, *"Connecting with Oley was like finding a home we didn't know we had... It was such a relief to find solutions to tube troubles, and reassuring to read profiles of older children enjoying active lifestyles."*



*Natalie's doctors were impressed with how great her stoma looks and how well they learned to care for it with help from Oley.*

**Oley is hosting the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Consumer/Clinician Conference at the Hyatt Regency in Old Greenwich, Connecticut July 5-8, 2017.** This meeting is where we bring patients and family members together with medical professionals for learning, networking, and fun while advancing their understanding of these life-sustaining therapies. This is also an opportunity for attendees to meet others who live similarly, which is extremely powerful and often described as life-altering.

We ask for your help. We do not charge patients and their families a registration fee. Proceeds from the silent auction/raffles help offset our costs and are tax deductible. We ask you and your organization to consider donating gift certificates, services, or merchandise. Highlights of past auctions/raffles have included theater and sporting event tickets, hotel stays, fine dining, spa treatments, and baskets of wine or bath products, and gift cards from major national merchants (as well as donations of cash to the Foundation!). In return, you will get a lot of visibility: we will spotlight you in the conference brochure and on our website. Our members and their friends and family will help spread the word that you are a friend of Oley. If you are local to the auction this year in Old Greenwich, CT, please consider attending. It is just plain fun! Everyone from 4 to 84 has a blast.

Anything that you can contribute will help to make the auction a huge success and keep Oley moving forward!

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

Sincerely,

Mary Wootten  
Auction Chair

