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Dear Friend,

While rare, there are thousands of people around the world living with congenital hyperinsulinism, each with their own set of circumstances.

Alanna, a nine-year-old, has **faced bullying** because of excessive body hair as a side effect of her treatment.

Anna Clare's son, William, has had two pancreatectomies and is in the hospital at three months old due to frequent low blood sugar. He isn't fully responding to current treatments, and the surgeries are sure to eventually cause diabetes, potentially **exchanging a rare disease for a common chronic illness**.

Serena is a vibrant fifteen-year-old. She loves to dance but often worries her blood sugar will drop on her current treatment. She dreams of the day when there will be a medicine to stop her body from overproducing ammonia, which is a problem unique to one type of hyperinsulinism, HI/HA, -- often the cause of **learning challenges and seizures**.

What unites these individuals, and their families is living with the fear of potential brain damage from hypoglycemia caused by congenital hyperinsulinism.

Our community is rallying to raise funds for **Congenital Hyperinsulinism International** by December 31st **because these families deserve more**.

Will you donate today to support this life-changing work?

We are thrilled to share we hit our target for funds raised at the 2021 Sugar Soiree, thanks to our generous donors. To reach our fundraising goal for the year and to be able to continue to fulfill our mission, we are asking for your support by year's end.

Together, we are building a world in which all patients have access to information, medical specialists, and treatments, regardless of income or geography. We will find breakthroughs that will transform the lives and outcomes of patients living with HI.

The strength of our community and the wisdom in our collaboration is what gives me hope for all born with congenital hyperinsulinism, and for Alanna, William, and Serena.

You have heard me say that when too little sugar hurts, we have the power to help.

Now is the time for you to help. Please consider making your gift in support of our work this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Julie Raskin'.

Julie Raskin
Founder and Executive Director

PS – Donating to CHI International brings us closer to new treatments and a cure. Whether made online at congenitalhi.org/donate or via check, your gift is going to help dawn a bright new day for families impacted by HI!