

Holiday Greetings from the Food Allergy Team at Emory + Children's

As the year draws to a close, I hope that the hectic pace of the season gives way to a peaceful and joyful time with family and friends, and some well-earned rest and reflection. I am amazed and humbled by all we've been able to accomplish this first year, and it's worth taking a minute to reflect on our key successes:

- Introducing the Center to the Emory + Children's community with a wonderful reception in March honoring the support of the National Peanut Board.
- Moving into the new state-of-the-art Center for Advanced Pediatrics in September.
- Launching a new research project, led by Dr. Kristine Vanijcharoenkarn, to better understand the difficulties encountered by children in resuming consumption of previously allergenic foods.
- Hiring 2 research coordinators who are hard at work preparing to launch three clinical trials in early 2019.
- Engaging with the donor community, with the pivotal support of the Children's Foundation, resulting in four new gifts devoted to food allergy.
- Winning a grant from Food Allergy Research and Education to join their nationwide network of 31 Centers of Excellence in 2019.
- Publishing a landmark study in the New England Journal of Medicine that will likely lead to the first FDA approved treatment for peanut allergy in 2019; and engaging with > 70 national and international media outlets to tell the story.
- Submitting our first federal research grant in collaboration with Dr. Rabin Tirouvanziam of Emory University.
- Launching a website (www.choa.org/foodallergy) and a public research registry in August, which > 100 families in our area have visited to register their children as potential research participants.
- And more...

I am incredibly excited to see what 2019 will bring. With your help, we will continue to take the program to new heights and bring needed hope to patients and their families in Georgia and all across the Southeast.

At year's end, I want to thank you for all your support to date and extend warmest wishes for a blessed holiday season and a wonderful New Year.

With warmest regards,



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