

August 25, 2006

Dear Family and Friends,

We are inviting you to join us in supporting the JoinLeeNow Initiative for diabetes research as part of Team Brian White. As most of you know, many of our family members suffer with diabetes and its complications. Brian is insulin dependent for life with the ever present threat of devastating complications.

This year we are reporting exciting progress! Researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital have been able to stop the autoimmune attack on insulin producing cells long enough for these cells to regenerate on their own. These results have been replicated by three other researchers across the country. In 2006, funding was provided to Massachusetts General Hospital by the Iacocca Foundation to begin human clinical trials using these findings. These new findings do not involve the use of stem cells or transplants or long term immunosuppressive drugs. By injecting a vaccine that eliminates the attack on the insulin producing cells, the body may be able to regenerate its own cells. Normal insulin production then occurs.

This year we are asking that all donations be designated to the Iacocca Foundation to support these clinical trials and the promise of a realistic cure to Type 1 diabetes. All donations are fully tax deductible. Please designate Diabetes Research.

Created in 2004 to raise money for human clinical trials which are the costliest part of research, JoinLeeNow has grown to represent the public fundraising arm of The Iacocca Foundation dedicated to accelerating the pace of promising diabetes research above and beyond what JDRF and the government funding can provide. You can read more details on [www.iacoccafoundation.org/](http://www.iacoccafoundation.org/)

Ask your friends, neighbors, church members, co-workers, classmates, hair stylists, babysitters, club members, families of team members, etc. Or send letters to your holiday card list letting them know why you're for someone you care about.

**On Sunday, October 2, 2006 we will also be hosting a party at our home for everyone who supports Team Brian White. Hope to see you there!**

**I am enclosing a Donation Form and Pledge Collection Envelope for the Iacocca Foundation. All checks can be made out to the Iacocca Foundation – specify diabetes research. Or you can pledge on-line at [www.joinleenow.org](http://www.joinleenow.org). Click on Donate Now.**

Please let us know by 9/25/06 if you can join us. Please collect your donations in advance and bring them with you the day of the party! If you wish to mail in a contribution, please send it to our home address. We thank you in advance for your support.

If you cannot join us, but would like to help, we welcome your contribution – large or small – to help find a cure. Whether you are able to make a financial commitment or not, please pray for a cure and support diabetes research.

With thanks,

Jim and Peg White Lijewski