Greetings. From time to time we will include an update on the TeleFamilies Study to keep you, our valuable participants, informed about the progress. As of mid-May, we have 151 participating families and are close to our goal of 168 families. All our participants should be congratulated for helping the study move forward. We appreciate the monthly reporting of your child’s visits to the doctor, emergency room and hospital. Half of the families have also received the first Survey Packet. This information helps us measure other important aspects of your child’s care.

The TeleFamilies Newsletter is another sign of study progress. This is the second issue of what will be a quarterly publication. Please let Cathy or Rhonda know if there are topics you would like to see added to the newsletter. Better yet, send us items to include in the newsletter such as games, activities, artwork and interesting websites or articles. A TeleFamilies website is also under construction.

Finally, I would like to let you know that we are sharing the ideas of TeleFamilies with other doctors, nurses and researchers around the country during national and regional conferences. A list of these presentations and articles will appear in the Newsletter twice a year. We look forward to an on-going partnership with you and your child. Wishing everyone a pleasant and rewarding summer.

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Dr. Kelly completed her residency and fellowship in Academic Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota. Her first publication with mentor, Dr. Robert Bruininks, described the healthcare and education systems for children with special needs as bureaucratic, inefficient and fragmented. The paper would become a roadmap for Dr. Kelly’s career. Following her fellowship she developed a program for children with complex medical problems. U Special Kids, a program that relied on advanced practice nurses and telehealth to manage care of children with life threatening conditions in their home and community. Her research, writing, and advocacy efforts all focus on the provision of services that enable children and youth with special needs to achieve optimal health and functioning.

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“Kindness is a language which the deaf can hear and the blind can see.”
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