Dear PNPG Member,

Welcome to all new and returning members of the Pediatric Nutrition Practice Group (PNPG)! You are part of an organization nearly 3,000 pediatric nutrition professionals strong! Thank you for your membership and commitment to your profession. I hope you will take advantage of the numerous member benefits PNPG has to offer:

**Grants, awards, scholarships, and continuing education support:** In addition to the grants, awards, and scholarships PNPG offers annually, up to 4 new continuing education support stipends will be awarded this year! Details regarding available opportunities and a timeline for the application processes will be provided in monthly e-blasts throughout the year and posted on the [PNPG website](#).

**Member Support:** Our Member Support team coordinates 2 successful programs to give members opportunities to network throughout the year: the Mentoring Program, which is held bi-annually and PNPG Pop-Ins held monthly! Learn more about becoming a mentor or mentee [here](#) and look for Pop-In registration info on PNPG social media.

**Learning Opportunities:** PNPG members receive free access to many professional development opportunities including webinars and the peer-reviewed publication, *Building Block for Life*! Visit the PNPG website to access [current webinars](#) and [BBFL articles](#) and [past webinars](#) and [previous BBFL issues](#) with expired CPEU’s.

**Public Policy:** Our Public Policy Committee works diligently to advocate for pediatric nutrition issues and bring awareness and understanding of key legislation to PNPG members. If this is an area of interest, click [here](#) to read more about public policy, contact our Public Policy Chair at [pnpgpublicpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:pnpgpublicpolicy@gmail.com), or help represent PNPG by joining one of the [Academy’s Affinity Groups](#).

**FNCE**: The [2022 Food and Nutrition Conference and Expo™ (FNCE)](#) will be held live for the first time in two years in Orlando, FL October 8-11! Stay tuned for PNPG networking opportunities at FNCE. We hope to see you there!

**Social Media:** Follow PNPG on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#). There, you’ll find information on pediatric nutrition news, conferences, and events. Please reach out to [pnpgcommunications@gmail.com](mailto:pnpgcommunications@gmail.com) if you’d like to be featured on our social media channels. We would love to share more about what our talented members are up to!

**PNPG Website:** The [PNPG website](#) will continue to be the hub for PNPG member benefits, including the [members-only community discussion board](#), as well as [formula tables](#), mixing instructions, and [resource information](#). You can also find the PNPG Mission, Vision, Values, & Strategic Plan [here](#).

All of these member benefits are made possible through the efforts of over 50 volunteer [PNPG Leadership Team](#) members. This group is routinely thinking of ways to enhance and better support you in your practice. To share your ideas or [volunteer with PNPG](#) through an elected position, appointed position, or committee, please [contact us](#).

Thank you for the opportunity and honor of serving as your Chair.

Sincerely,

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