



Press Release
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Tricia Thompson, MS, RD is CSA Grant Recipient

The Celiac Sprue Association® (CSA) Peer Review Research Grant Program has awarded a grant to Tricia Thompson, MS, RD. Mrs.. Thompson's research project, entitled "Counting Gluten-Free Carbohydrates: A guide for those with diabetes and celiac disease", will provide dietitians with an educational tool they can use when counseling persons with diabetes and celiac disease. Suzanne Simpson, RD, nutritionist at the Celiac Disease Center at Columbia University, will collaborate on the project.

Mrs. Thompson holds a Master of Science Degree in nutrition from Tufts University and is an independent nutrition consultant specializing in celiac disease. She is a member of the American Dietetic Association and its Medical Nutrition Therapy Practice Group. She has written two books on celiac disease and nutrition as well as publishing numerous articles. She serves as a column writer for two publications.

The CSA Peer Review Research Grant Program provides seed money for research projects in both clinical/applied research and theoretical research with therapeutic implications. Special emphasis is placed on innovative and/or cooperative research approaches. CSA, as a member based non-profit organization, funds programs through memberships, donations, and special fundraising projects. Major funding for this project has been provided by the L. Lodico Walk for Celiac Disease sponsored by the CSA Long Island Celiac Sprue Support Group #23. CSA maintains a national leadership role in celiac disease through a network of over 125 Local Chapters and Resource Units throughout the country. Members spread awareness and provide support in their mission as "Celiacs Helping Celiacs". Current information on CSA and the Peer Review Research Grant Program is available at the CSA website, www.csaceliacs.org or by calling toll free 877-CSA-4-CSA.

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