Winter Greetings from Ann Arbor,

While our weather has been glacial, our team within the Mary H. Weiser Food Allergy Center has been working hard to progress our many goals to understand, treat, and prevent food allergy. Here are some highlights of the goings-on over the past few months:

- At the beginning of February, Michigan Medicine sent out a press release to announce the new MHWFAC initiative, the Michigan Food Allergy Research Accelerator (M-FARA) Program. This program was made possible by a five-year $5 million gift from an anonymous donor. The funding is renewable at the end of the five-year period with a second $5 million allocation. The announcement may be viewed at the Michigan Medicine newsroom page here.

- The Center has begun its search for the William Chandler Swink Research Professor in Food Allergy Research. An announcement of the open position was advertised in the New England Journal of Medicine, Science and the Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology. The candidate that fills this position will be significant in supporting our goals to have more clinician researchers within MHWFAC.

- Dr. Baker was quoted in a recent New York Times article about a conflict over accommodating a food allergic child in a theater program. You can read the full article here.
Finally, the MHWFAC will be well-represented at the upcoming American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology Annual Meeting in San Francisco, February 22-25. Our faculty and postdoctoral fellow presenters and their presentations/posters are as follows:

**Saturday, February 23**

- James Baldwin, MD (Moderator) 2001: “Aspirin and nonsteroidal Anti-Inflammatory Drug Challenges in the Office”
- Malika Gupta (Speaker) 2402: Oral Food Challenges

**Sunday, February 24**

- Farazuddin Mohammed (Oral Presentation) 3602: “Nanoemulsion adjuvant augments retinaldehyde dehydrogenase activity in dendritic cells via MyD88 pathway” The Best of Basic Immunology, Poster Number: 581
- Charles F. Schuler IV, MD (Oral Presentation) 3607: “Inflammasome Modulation Ameliorates Neonatal RSV-induced Immunopathology” Modulation of Innate Immunity

**Monday, February 25**

- Jessica O’Konek (Poster) “Intranasal nanoemulsion adjuvant vaccine prevents allergic reactions from milk allergy without eliminating serum IgE” Poster Number: 793
- Charles F. Schuler IV, MD, Marc McMorris, MD (Poster) “A previously unreported cause of isolated angioedema” Poster Number: 6
- Sofija Volertas, MD, Marisa Coury, MD, Georgiana Sanders, MD, Marc McMorris, MD, Malika Gupta, MD (Poster) “Infant Peanut Allergy Testing in the Post-LEAP World” Poster Number: 809

Thank you for your interest and support of the Mary H. Weiser Food Allergy Center. We hope your new year is starting out with considerable progress
towards your goals as well.