

The Boomer Esiason Foundation Partners with Boston IVF to Provide Family Building Opportunities for the CF Community

[New York, NY, March 18th, 2024] – The Boomer Esiason Foundation (BEF) a leading organization dedicated to supporting individuals in the cystic fibrosis (CF) community, is pleased to announce a partnership with Boston IVF (BIVF), a renowned fertility clinic specializing in assisted reproductive technologies.

"We're excited to expand the geographic reach of our IVF financial assistance program and are thrilled to be in partnership with Boston IVF in doing so," said Gunnar Esiason, BEF Executive Vice President, Strategy and Advocacy. "IVF is something near and dear to my whole family, so it's become our personal mission to support cystic fibrosis families on their own family building journeys."

In February of 2023, BEF launched the IVF Grant Program, dedicated to ensuring that adults with CF who are challenged in their family building journey have financial resources to utilize assisted reproductive technology. This collaboration allows BEF to expand its geographic reach to more individuals in the CF community that are looking to start a family using IVF (In Vitro Fertilization). IVF is a widely recognized and effective fertility treatment that can help individuals overcome barriers to conception, offering hope and opportunity for parenthood.

"While IVF is a powerful tool to help overcome infertility, it is an even more powerful tool to sidestep genetic disease in the next generation. The Boomer Esiason Foundation is increasing access to this life-giving technology and changing the lives (and families) of people living with CF", said Dr. Pietro Bortoletto, Boston IVF Reproductive Endocrinologist.

"As a leading provider of fertility treatment, Boston IVF could not be more excited to partner with The Boomer Esiason Foundation to extend the reach of their mission in New England and beyond," said David Stern, CEO, Boston IVF.

The third round of applications for the BEF IVF grant opens March 18th, 2024, and will close on May 1st, 2024. The application is available on The Boomer Esiason Foundation's website, with details on eligibility criteria and application procedures. The grant covers the primary processes of one IVF cycle, providing financial assistance to individuals facing infertility challenges due to CF.

BEF and BIVF encourage those in the CF community who are interested in starting a family to explore this opportunity and take the first step towards parenthood. Together, we are dedicated to supporting individuals on their journey to building families and fulfilling their dreams of parenthood. For more information, please visit <https://www.esiason.org/assistance/ivf-grant/>

About the Boomer Esiason Foundation: In 1993, Boomer Esiason's son, Gunnar, was diagnosed with cystic fibrosis. Boomer and his wife Cheryl founded the Boomer Esiason Foundation to raise funds and awareness for the cystic fibrosis community. To date, the Foundation has raised over \$160 million and works to provide educational and financial resources to help people living with cystic fibrosis in the here and now. To learn more, visit [esiason.org](https://www.esiason.org).

About Boston IVF: Boston IVF is one of the largest and most experienced fertility networks in the United States, with more than 150,000 babies born since 1986. Founded as one of the nation's first private practice IVF centers, the Boston IVF network has grown to include 35+ reproductive endocrinologists across the USA. Boston IVF has achieved numerous "firsts" in reproductive care and its research arm continues to pave the way for breakthroughs in fertility treatment. In 2023, Boston IVF joined the global IVI RMA Network, contributing to the network's management of more than 40 labs and 60 satellites across North America.

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