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Dear Mothers:

You and your child are invited to participate in a study of mother-infant interactions and vocabulary development in 8- to 24-month-old infants. The purpose of the study is to learn more about how hearing infants and infants who use cochlear implants learn words during play. This information will give us a better understanding of how vocabulary develops and how hearing influences interactions.

I would like to videotape you and your child playing with toys and interacting. Participation would involve one 50-minute session at your home. I would also ask you to complete a checklist of the words your child uses. About 6 months later I would ask you to complete the checklist again.

To thank you for participating and to compensate you for your time, you will receive \$40.00 and your baby will receive a small gift at the end of the session. You will also receive \$20 after the second checklist. You are free to decline to participate, to stop participating if you do not wish to continue, and to ask any questions about the study at any time.

Please feel free to contact me at MFagan@chapman.edu or you may leave a voice or text message at **858.213.7653** if you are interested in participating or have any questions. You may also request that I contact you by sending me your contact information (below) by email.

I look forward to speaking with you!

Sincerely,

Mary

Mary K. Fagan, Ph.D.
Associate Professor

I am interested in participating in the study.

Name _____ Date: _____

Contact Number and/or email: _____