

National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day is May 18, 2001

**An HIV vaccine represents the world's
best hope of ending the AIDS epidemic.**

Dear HIV Vaccine Study Volunteers,

Over the past 13 years, thousands of you have chosen to volunteer in studies to develop HIV vaccines. All of you deserve the world's recognition and gratitude. Without your selfless decision to participate, there would be no studies. Each of you is making a significant contribution to your community and to the world.

This year we are celebrating the fourth annual National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. On this day, the National HIV Vaccine Communications Steering Group, the HIV Vaccine Trials Network and the U.S. National Institutes of Health, do hereby jointly acknowledge your valiant efforts in the search for a safe and effective vaccine to prevent HIV/AIDS.

Without you this goal would be unattainable. With you, there is hope!

Thank you. We are forever grateful.

For more information about HIV vaccine studies in your area please call the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS) at 1-800-Trials-A or access ACTIS on the internet at: www.actis.org