



**RPHP**



**Dear Monroe Moms,**

**My name is Christie Brinkley, I am a model, actress, and entrepreneur, but I'm writing to you as a proud mother of 3 with many relatives in Monroe where I was born. I am dedicated to doing what I can to ensure a healthy future for all our children and that's why I'm writing to you today.**

**For the past 25 years I have worked with the Tooth Fairy Project which is dedicated to prevent childhood cancers and promote health near nuclear plants. Please visit us at [www.radiation.org](http://www.radiation.org).**

**Last March, a report by my colleague Joseph Mangano made me aware of the high rate of cancer in Monroe County children. I am now working with local mothers and grandmothers, asking you to donate one of your child's baby teeth. See the instructions at the bottom of this letter.**

**The Radiation and Public Health Project (RPHP) is attempting to find out if Strontium-90 (Sr-90) exists in baby teeth of children living in Monroe County. Sr-90 is a chemical not found in nature, but only released by nuclear plants. It consists of tiny metal particles that enter air, water, and food. These particles attach to bone and teeth, and harm healthy cells.**

**Our group has measured Sr-90 in over 5,000 baby teeth thus far. Sr-90 is highest in children closest to nuclear plants, and Sr-90 levels are rising over time.**

**The rate of cancer diagnosed in American children has increased 45% since the mid-1970s. Please help us reverse this terrible trend by identifying a potential health threat in the Monroe community. Our studies showed that childhood cancers plunge when nuclear power plants shut.**

**Over 60 years ago, parents across the U.S. donated 320,000 baby teeth to a similar study of Sr-90 from atomic bomb test fallout. Results helped pass the treaty banning tests, saving many lives.**

**Today, parents like you can also help save lives. The Tooth Fairy Project is the only study to ever measure radiation in bodies of Americans near nuclear plants. We will make results public next year, when tooth testing and analysis is complete.**

**Thank you in advance for "giving a tooth to science" to help make the Tooth Fairy Project a success, and make a safer, healthier future for our children.**

*Christie Brinkley*

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. Wrap each tooth in tissue paper; placing tape on the paper helps**
- 2. Complete the attached survey form**
- 3. Place the tooth and the form in the attached self-addressed stamped envelope, and drop it in the mail box – no additional postage needed**

**We are unable to share your child's individual result with you, as teeth are tested in groups.**

**Radiation and Public Health Project  
Tooth Fairy Project**

c/o Joe Mangano, 716 Simpson Avenue, Ocean City, New Jersey, 08226

Do you want to help with a scientific study? You don't need to be a scientist - all you need to do is donate a missing baby tooth from your child!!!!

The Radiation and Public Health Project (RPHP) research group is asking for donations of baby teeth from children living near the Fermi nuclear plant. These teeth will be tested in a lab for levels of radioactive Strontium-90, which will help us better understand releases from the plant.

Every tooth is a clue!!!!

All you need to do is

1. Fill out the form below
2. Wrap the tooth in a small amount of tissue paper or other soft material
3. Place the tooth and form in an envelope, and mail to the above address

If you wish to send more than one tooth, please send just one per envelope.

Unfortunately, we cannot provide individual results; teeth will be tested in groups. But overall results will be made public, hopefully in 2022.

Please see [www.radiation.org](http://www.radiation.org), or contact Joe Mangano at [odiejoe@aol.com](mailto:odiejoe@aol.com) for more about this groundbreaking study. We thank you in advance for your help.

Name of child: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth (Month/Day/Year): \_\_\_\_\_

Current address (street, city, zip): \_\_\_\_\_

Email/telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State Lived During Pregnancy: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State Lived During Infancy: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of parent: \_\_\_\_\_

Other comments: \_\_\_\_\_