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Ms. Mary Zitwer Millman President The Eugene Zitwer Foundation 50 Court Street, Suite 702 Brooklyn, NY 11201

RE: Status Report

Dear Ms. Millman:

On behalf of Beth Israel Medical Center, we thank you for The Eugene Zitwer Foundation's December 2012 grant of \$400 to support holiday staffing in our Pediatric Intensive Care Unit's playroom during the first half of 2013. Your support enabled us to keep the Unit's playroom open over the New Year's and Memorial Day holidays. We were able to staff the playroom with a Child Life Assistant for eight hours on each of these days, enabling patients to leave their rooms and utilize the space. We are pleased to enclose a recent photo of a patient named Ravi using a counting game in the Unit's playroom. Ravi is a patient with autism who was on the unit for EEG monitoring due to recent seizure activity, and he enjoyed a respite from his hospital room by engaging in an activity in the playroom involving his love for numbers.

With the Unit serving 2,000 children per year, this special staff coverage has made a real difference in the lives of our young patients by enabling the playroom to be open 365 days a year. The playroom provides our pediatric patients with a safe space where they can relax and just be a "kid" – easing the anxiety and stress that is often associated with hospital visits and contributing to a more positive experience.

Thank you again for your meaningful support.

Sincerely,

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