



# The Brooklyn Hospital Center

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Dear Members of the Board,

On behalf of the Child Life Program at The Brooklyn Hospital Center and the children and families we serve, I would like to thank you for your generous grant that will provide much needed items for infants, teens and those in Pediatric Radiology.

The Child Life Program is here to educate children and families about the hospital environment and to encourage self-expression and creativity. Child life also works to increase socialization and create a therapeutic diversion through play and special programming. We serve all children and families throughout the hospital including the pediatric inpatient and intensive care, and outpatient settings such as Pediatric Hematology Oncology, Radiology and various health clinics. Child life is there to help reduce the stress and anxiety that hospitalization has on a child and family. By providing the children with developmentally appropriate activities and education, they receive much needed distraction and normalization.

We serve lots of infants and teens here at The Brooklyn Hospital Center. Most of the donations we receive often leave out these two special populations. Thank you so much for the funds to purchase items for our infants and teens, they will support our programming to provide distraction for both. We are also very thankful for the support in obtaining a wooden CT machine. Currently we have a child life specialist that covers the Pediatric Emergency Department and Radiology. This tool will help her to educate children coming in for scans so that they are less anxious and scared.

You have truly been amazing with your donation. Thank you so very much!

Best,

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