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Ms. Mary Millman Gitner and Ms. Sharon Weintraub Dashow
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Dear Ms. Millman and Ms. Dashow,

On behalf of Children of Bellevue and the deserving children for whom we help to provide services, I send a heartfelt thank you to the Eugene Zitwer Foundation for your continued and expanded funding of Child Life Therapy Services at Bellevue Hospital Center.

As you know, since 1998, the Zitwer Foundation has helped Children of Bellevue fund Child Life services at Bellevue Hospital Center. The children who benefit directly from this program have a range of illnesses, concerns and fears, from traumatic injury to chronic illness to impending surgical procedures. Activities led by our enthusiastic Child Life Specialist, Ivana Mann, in the Weekend Playroom and at bedside, help to calm the children's fears and allow them to recover with less anxiety.

Because of the Zitwer Foundation's generosity, these services will now be available not only during the week, but, also, for eight hours each day on both days of the weekend. We truly appreciate the expansion of funding which allows this more comprehensive coverage of this service. This enhancement will impact the children and their families as they spend time in the hospital instead of enjoying the usual leisure activities we all associate with our Saturdays and Sundays.

We are delighted to continue our wonderful partnership. As always, I would be pleased to give you a tour of our Playroom and Inpatient Unit.

Sincerely,


Jean L. Folsom
Director of Development

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