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Ms. Sharon Weintraub Dashow
Eugene Zitwer Foundation, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Dashow,

Thank you for your recent, generous grant of \$4160 to Children of Bellevue to support our weekend Child Life Playroom.

Our new Child Life Specialist, Maureen shared with me a recent experience using medical play with a five-year old girl. Maureen noticed that the little girl brought her new teddy bear to the playroom. She felt quite attached to it, so Maureen thought she would create interest in medical play by asking, "How does your teddy bear feel today?" She promptly replied, "He's nervous because he is in the hospital."

She added that he, the bear, was nervous that he might get a shot from the doctor. The pair talked a little bit about a shot and then the little girl decorated a hospital bracelet for her teddy bear. She chose to color her teddy bear's bracelet purple and pink because they are her favorite colors.

Next, Maureen introduced a real stethoscope and demonstrated how to put it on and how it works. The girl was thrilled to have the opportunity to use a real doctor's tool. As she listened to her own heart, she was amazed and asked, "Is that really my heart that I hear?" She proceeded to listen to her parents' hearts as well, and then her teddy bear, as well as every doll in the playroom. She was satisfied with the health of all the dolls and declared, "Everybody's better!" Thanks to Maureen, and the proven model of using medical play, this little girl was able to overcome her fear of the doctor and of needles.

Thank you for helping us care for some of New York's neediest children with your ongoing support of the Weekend Child Life Playroom.

Sincerely



Jean L. Folsom
Director of Development

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