

January 29, 2014

Ms. Sharon Weintraub Dashow Treasurer The Eugene Zitwer Foundation, Inc. 50 Court Street, Suite 702 Brooklyn, New York 11201-4859

Dear Ms. Weintraub Dashow,

There is no one more worthy of support than a sick child.

In the past year, over 7000 children of diverse backgrounds were hospitalized at Maimonides Medical Center and nearly 56,000 children treated for various acute, chronic or life threatening conditions. These children and their families often have difficulty coping with all that a new diagnosis and treatment entails. Through the provision of recreational and therapeutic programming, it is the goal of the Child Life Program to help lessen the stress of hospitalization and treatment as well as to bolster a family centered environment for the families we serve. With the Eugene Zitwer Foundations' support, these children were provided with child life services on the weekend.

Child Life services are not reimbursable by health insurers and this limits our department's ability to fully support this vital program. In today's financial climate, your generosity is indeed far reaching.

Thank you for your continued generous support of our child life program.

Kind regards.

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