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Dear Mrs. Millman and Members of the Board.

This year has been such an exciting year and we owe lots of this to you all at the Eugene Zitwer Foundation. The Child Life and Creative Arts Department would like to send a heartfelt thank you to everyone for our grant approvals for December 2014.

Our department strives to bring happiness and entertainment to children and families in the hospital and with your help this past winter we will continue to do so. The music therapy department receives lots of referrals for relaxation and visiting with children and their families. With the funds to purchase more guitars we can reach even more patients and provide more music therapy to our population. The pediatric emergency department is an area where our child life staff provides comfort and support to children and families in a very stressful time. Your grant will allow us to bring distraction and play to children creating a more positive and normal environment and allowing parents to focus on the care their child is receiving. The final grant money is going to a much-needed area we serve at the hospital. We have services for all ages but the most difficult age to reach is the teen population. The iPad program provides teens the choice to tailor their iPads to fit their style and personality.

We are most grateful for all the continued support that the Eugene Zitwer Foundation has provided to us throughout the years. We hope that together we will continue to offer children the opportunity to laugh, smile and take a break from the stress of hospitalization. Thank you for all your support and Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

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