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Ms. Mary Zitwer Millman
President
The Eugene Zitwer Foundation
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RE: Status Report

Dear Ms. Millman:

On behalf of Mount Sinai Beth Israel, we thank you for The Eugene Zitwer Foundation's January 2015 grant of \$1,559.98 to our Pediatric Child Life Program in support of two projects – holiday staffing and the purchase of a new laptop and printer for our playroom.

The Foundation's vital support of holiday staffing in our Pediatric Intensive Care Unit's playroom during the first half of 2015 which enabled us to keep the Unit's playroom open over two holidays: New Year's Day and Memorial Day. This special staff coverage continues to make a real difference in the lives of our young patients by enabling the playroom to be open 365 days a year so that patients can leave their rooms and utilize the space.

The grant also enabled us to purchase a new laptop and printer for our playroom. This helps us keep our technology up-to-date and provides our patients and their families with the ability to use the computer for educational and recreational purposes. The printer enables our Child Life Specialist, Marcia Graham, to print activities and games for patients.

Our Pediatric Unit remains committed to providing Child Life Services to over 2,000 children per year. The Eugene Zitwer Foundation's support allows us to create spaces that allow our patients an escape from the hospital experience, relax and just be a "kid" – easing the anxiety and stress that is often associated with hospital visits and contributing to a more positive experience. With a playroom open and staffed seven days per week, we are able to offer personalized service for each and every child, and programs to ensure that every patient has an optimal experience in our hospital.

Our Child Life Program remains an invaluable resource for our pediatric patients and we thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



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