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Dear Mrs. Millman and Members of the Board,

The Eugene Zitwer Foundation continues to support programming and provide the Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy at Kravis Children's Hospital with opportunities to bring fun and entertainment to the children and families we serve. The grant recipients along with our entire department would like to thank the Eugene Zitwer Foundation for the funds received for the June 2015 submission.

Working as a team our child life specialists, music therapists and art therapists offer a variety of modalities and interventions to the children and families during their hospitalization and while they are receiving out patient services. The funds from the Zitwer Foundation assist us greatly in our efforts to bring smiles to those children undergoing difficult treatment. The Pediatric Emergency Department is a very stressful and scary place for children. With the addition of a portable keyboard, our music therapist will be able to provide a calm and relaxing environment, allowing children to engage in music and distract from their treatment. The art therapists recently trained in weaving will be able to offer our children and family members an opportunity to gain confidence and mastery through the loom weaving projects. Weaving offers a more sophisticated opportunity for diversion and emotional expression. The funds received for hats will allow patients and families to experience holidays and special events during a time when they are away from their own family and traditions. The hats will help to create special moments for the children and families through these tough times and help them to celebrate in the hospital.

The Child Life and Creative Arts Therapy Department is proud and honored to receive continued support from the Eugene Zitwer Foundation. Together we will continue to offer children the opportunity to laugh, smile and take a break from the stress of hospitalization alongside your wonderful foundation.

Sincerely.

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