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The Benefits of Developmental Play and Programming NewYork-Presbyterian Hospital Phyllis and David Komansky Center for Children's Health Child Life Services

Thank you to the Eugene Zitwer Foundation for its support of the proposal for the provision of hours for a weekday Child Life Assistant. The funding of \$2319.00 was utilized for salary of a Child Life Assistant to provide one weeknight of programming from 4pm-8pm.

In this short amount of time, the additional programming hours were able to support many pediatric patients, families and siblings. Our statistics reflect that to date 132 patients, parents and siblings attended the evening playroom session and 33 bedside sessions were provided. A typical number of evening playroom attendees was 12, demonstrating the benefits of offering programming at this time of the evening. The Child Life Assistant also partnered with Project Sunshine and Musicians On Call, two local non-profit organizations that brought crafts and musical guests to the Komansky Center several times this winter and spring.

Thank you for your support of this project. Due to the generosity of the Eugene Zitwer Foundation, numerous families benefited from the provision of evening programming.

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