

The Children's Hospital at Montefiore
Funding Report for
The Eugene Zitwer Foundation

The 2006 grant of \$2,500 from the Eugene Zitwer Foundation funded the Musicians on Call program from January 2007 through June 2007 (anticipated).

Musicians on Call Program

\$2,500

With the Eugene Zitwer Foundation funding, The Phoebe H. Stein Child Life Program was able to continue the Musicians on Call program. Due to the support, twenty weekly visits were made to The Children's Hospital in the six-month period. In that time period, approximately 950 patients, family and staff have benefited from this program. Each week, the Musicians on Call program spends one hour on the Critical Care Unit, and the second hour on another in-patient unit (the second unit is rotated each week). The musicians' performances are bed-side, enabling the musicians to tailor the performance to the needs and wishes of each patient and family.

The visits by the musicians have been very healing and therapeutic. The following account provided by a nurse manager on the Critical Care Unit describes the enormous impact of Musicians on Call:

"I was caring for a VERY ill baby who was dying and the parents were aware of this. The musicians came in and played a soft sounding song for the baby. When they left I saw the mom was crying. She said that they sounded like angels and it made her forget what was happening for a short time. The baby died that night, but mom said she knew everything was going to be fine because the angels sent these musicians to help guide him where he needed to go. Bless them for all they do."

The effect of the Musicians on Call program is very broad; it has provided our patients and families much diversion and laughter, and in the scenario described above, incredible solace in the most difficult of times. We could not provide this program without the Eugene Zitwer Foundation, and are deeply appreciative of your support. We look forward to our continued partnership.

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Dear Mary:

On behalf of Montefiore Medical Center, it is my pleasure to thank The Eugene Zitwer Foundation for its generous gift of \$2,500 to support the Musicians on Call program.

Please know that we are very grateful for your support of the Child Life Program at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore. Your support has allowed us to continue vital programming for the youngest and most critically ill of patients.

Enclosed please find an update on the Musicians on Call program at The Children's Hospital from January 2007 through June 2007. Your generosity is instrumental to the presence of these very special musicians.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the Child Life Program and The Children's Hospital at Montefiore.

Sincerely,


Christy O'Keefe

*Many Thanks
Mary*