

Montefiore

THE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL FOR
ALBERT EINSTEIN COLLEGE OF MEDICINE

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Ms. Mary Zitwer Millman
President
The Eugene Zitwer Foundation
50 Court Street, Suite 702
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Ms. Millman:

On behalf of The Children's Hospital at Montefiore, thank you so much for your ongoing support of our Child Life Program. We are pleased to submit this program progress report for the grant of \$1,500 we received in March 2013.

The Child Life program serves a pediatric hospital that last year had 8,200 admissions, 60,000 specialty visits and 80,000 Emergency Department visits. Our Child Life team conducts 20,000 interventions annually that focus on the emotional and developmental needs of young patients through medical play, developmental stimulation, procedural preparation and accompaniment and diversion and creative expression.

Thanks to the \$1,500 grant from The Eugene Zitwer Foundation, the hematology-oncology program was able to purchase a new Medikin doll and several adapters (including central line, picc line, bone marrow and lymphoma simulators). As you are aware, medical play is an essential tool in helping children to understand their illnesses and medical procedures. These specialized medical play dolls are used to teach patients about their disease and procedural interventions which provides them with a sense of mastery and control over their experience. Strategically placed openings in the doll's exterior reveal internal features. Adapters that many of our children have can be utilized with the dolls to demonstrate chemotherapy infusions and blood transfusions.

Thank you so much for your support of this important component of the Child Life Program and for helping our children better understand their diagnoses and environment. We greatly appreciate your support and partnership.

Sincerely,



Andrew Loose
Director, Corporate & Foundation Relations