

Report to the Eugene Zitwer Foundation on its Grant Awarded December 2015

April 18, 2016

The resources made possible by the Eugene Zitwer Foundation grant of \$2,560 awarded in February 2016 are making a wonderful difference in the care we provide for patients and families at New-York-Presbyterian/Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital. At the end of this narrative report, please find a list of the items purchased by the Child Life Department with the support of the Foundation. On behalf of the staff of and the families being served at Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital, we want to thank the Eugene Zitwer Foundation for its generosity.

With the addition of a "carbon" guitar, our board certified licensed Music Therapist is able to enhance patient experience in an area where infection control is paramount: the inpatient and outpatient Hematology/Oncology Units and the Stem Cell Transplantation Unit. Our therapist provides highly individualized programming for each patient and family. This special guitar allows self-expression in music for our most immunosuppressed population and brings special joy to the patients and families admitted for long-term stays for bone marrow transplantation. Unlike standard wooden guitars, carbon guitars can be consistently cleaned to meet rigorous infection control policies and a single instrument can be cleaned and used to serve a population. The carbon guitar is compliant with the infection control practice of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO).

We also thank you for providing two iPads for the Pediatric Emergency Department. With the iPads, Child Life Specialists are able to provide distraction activities that help to reduce the anxiety and stress during a child's wait. The addition of these iPads has made a huge improvement in the experience for patients. For example, the routine taking of vital signs is now easier for the patients; they are less frightened and are more willing to cooperate. The Child Life Specialists use the iPad to distract and reduce the anxiety of young patients of a variety of different ages and developmental needs.

These enhancements help us fulfill our goal to promote coping and normalization during the medical experience. The Eugene Zitwer Foundation grants have truly made a difference in the medical encounters and hospitalization stays of our families.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about our report.

Sincerely,



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Music Therapy Carbon Guitar for the Pediatric Hematology/ Oncology/ Stem Cell Population

Item	Image	Price	Quantity
RainSong Hybrid Series H-OM1000N2 Slim Body cutaway acoustic electric with N2 neck		\$2,299.00	1
Total			\$2,299.000

Distraction Items for the Pediatric Emergency Department

Item	Image	Price	Quantity
iPad Mini		\$300.00	1
Total			300.00