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Ms. Mary Zitwer Millman
President
The Eugene Zitwer Foundation
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RE: Status Report

Dear Ms. Millman:

On behalf of Beth Israel Medical Center, I thank you for The Eugene Zitwer Foundation’s June 2012 grant of \$800 to support holiday staffing in our Pediatric Intensive Care Unit’s playroom during the second half of 2012, enabling us to keep the Unit’s playroom open over the Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas 2012 holidays. Thanks to your generous support we are able to staff the playroom with a Child Life Assistant for eight hours on each of these days, enabling patients to leave their rooms and utilize the space. We are pleased to enclose a recent photo of two patients having fun while playing in the kitchen area of the playroom. The patients, Gabriella (8 years old) and Haylee (6 years old), both in the Pediatric Unit for epilepsy monitoring, met for the first time in the playroom and instantly became playmates, playing in the playroom all day until closing.

With the Unit serving 2,000 children per year, this special staff coverage has made a real difference in the lives of our young patients by enabling the playroom to be open 365 days a year. The playroom provides our pediatric patients with a safe space where they can relax and just be a “kid” – easing the anxiety and stress often associated with hospital visits and contributing to a more positive experience.

Thank you again for your meaningful support.

Sincerely,

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