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Arlene and David Gaynes  
"Chillin with Adam" Foundation Inc.  
6 Country Meadow Court  
Melville NY 11747

Dear David and Arlene,

We thank you for your funding of \$ 78,000 toward the Child Life Specialist.

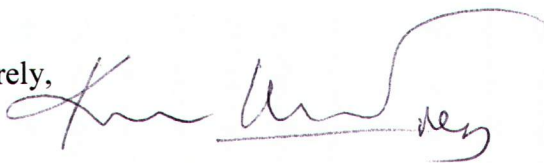
Your support of the Child Life specialist has been really special and has made a tremendous impact.

Our Child life specialist does not only treat medical needs, but addresses the emotional, developmental and psychosocial needs of the patients and families. She meets with each patient and his/her family to assess how they are coping and develop individualized care plans, provides developmentally-appropriate preparation for medical procedures and hospital experiences; teaches coping techniques; provides support to patients and families during procedures, including use of distraction/relaxation interventions when appropriate; facilitates medical play sessions; distributes developmentally- supportive play materials; supervises the pediatric playroom; engages children in free and structured expressive art and play activities; provides emotional support to patients and families in distress; supports families during traumas and at the end of life; and advocates for patients' rights and family-centered care. The Child Life Specialist works with the patients while they are hospitalized, as well as in the out- patient unit.

We would like to thank both of you for the wonderful work you are doing with the foundation in Adam's memory. We thank you for all that you have done for us in the division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology over the years..

On behalf of our entire department, I want to say thank you for all you have meant to us for the past years.

Sincerely,



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