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Mrs. Sarah Calaway
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Dear Sarah,

I am so pleased to hear that you wish to support our Pediatric Cardiology research through the "Alyssa's Hike for the Hearts" event again this year. Your continued commitment is a real encouragement to our work!

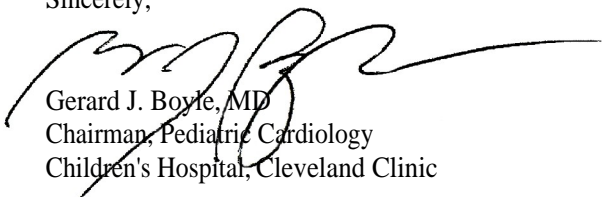
I am writing to update you on how we have begun to use the funds that you generously donated to our research last year. As previously mentioned, we had completed a study entitled "Myocarditis in Children: Initial Clinical Presentation in Cuyahoga County, Ohio 1990-2005" in which we discovered that patients who present with rapid breathing, an abnormal heart rate (too fast or too slow), and an enlarged liver required further investigation. If these signs are recognized and an ECG and echocardiogram are ordered, over 95% of patients would be correctly diagnosed. If a simple blood test were then ordered, a Troponin level, virtually no patient with myocarditis would be missed. Additionally, the leading cause of death from myocarditis appears to have been delayed diagnosis and lack of early supportive treatment. Dr. Marina Lazbin and I presented these data at the recent American Transplant Congress scientific meeting in San Francisco on May 7th of this year. His presentation generated a lot of discussion among the physicians in attendance and has prompted us to prepare a manuscript to submit to the leading pediatric journals in the country. By sharing our research on a national level, we will generate more awareness of the symptoms and treatment of Viral Myocarditis in pediatric patients.

I also continue to reach out to other physicians to help coordinate a study of pediatric Viral Myocarditis patients. We are currently collaborating with researchers in the Infectious Diseases section to develop a research project targeting risk factors for developing myocarditis in pediatric patients. I will continue to keep you posted on our progress of this study.

In addition to the above-mentioned developments, we will give 'Alyssa's Hike for the Hearts' recognition whenever we present our research to other physicians around the country. This is our way of honoring your efforts and generosity to our program.

Sarah, thank you again for all you and your family do to help raise support and awareness of Pediatric Cardiology at the Children's Hospital. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 216/444-3803 or Elizabeth Vemick at 216/444-7172.

Sincerely,



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