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Dear Randy and the Spirit Halloween Staff:

On behalf of the children, families, and staff at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your visit on October 16, 2007. The patients loved the party and are still talking about what a great time they had. Having individuals like yourselves donate your time adds to our programming, provides the children with a break in the hospital routine, as well as the opportunity to forget about being hospitalized if only for a short time.

I also wanted to share with you a section of a letter we just received from a parent about the party. One mom had this to say: "He was so excited [about the Halloween Party]; he jumped up and got ready to go. We never realized how awesome it would be. He didn't even have an idea as to what he wanted to be for Halloween but when he saw the Werewolf costume, he knew that was it. We thought it was a loaner and then a young girl told him he could keep it. You might as well have given him a \$100. He was ecstatic to say the least, and so was I. Then he sat down and made a funny/scary Mr. Pumpkin man- also a wonderfully creative idea. Lastly, the party favors. He and his brother colored together from the coloring book and then they played Old Hag with their cards." Clearly for this family and so many others that I talked to the Spirit Halloween Party was the highlight of their stay as well as the highlight for the staff.


One of the primary goals of the Child Life, Education and Creative Arts Therapy Department is to normalize the children's hospitalization as much as possible. It is through ongoing support such as yours that enables us to provide positive experiences that promote the children's development and make their hospital stay more enjoyable. Your generosity helps to contribute to the effectiveness of our program.

Once again, thank you so much for offering your time. Please let me know if you would like to come in again.

Sincerely,



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