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RE: The JJCCF Advocacy Program for Gabriel Thezan

To whom it may concern:

Gabriel is a boy of five years, well known to our service, with a long and complicated medical history. Gabriel started life diagnosed with end-stage renal disease, which required a kidney transplant and long months in the PICU. His complicated medical needs prevented his mother from working, and made Gabriel's father the sole wage earner in the family. In April, Gabriel's parents notice a mass in his neck. In May 2013, a biopsy was performed, revealing yet another addition to his already highly complicated clinical picture. Gabriel was diagnosed with Birkitts lymphoma. Gabriel underwent treatment for this disease. Recent oncological follow up shows that Gabriel relapsed with the same disease. He is currently undergoing chemotherapy treatments once more.

Gabriel's medical needs are highly complex and challenging, preventing the mother from working. Gabriel's father is the only wage earner in the family. This situation has created a financial hardship for the family. This family was previously assisted by JJCCF. I ask that Gabriel and his parents be considered for the JJCCF Advocacy Program. Further assistance can help alleviate the financial burdens placed on this family, and help alleviate the stressors they must endure on a day to day basis. Thank you.

Regards,

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