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Dear Mikey's Way,

Wow! We are so stunned by your incredibly generous donation to our child life program. I must apologize for not writing to you until now, but please know we have been enjoying your donation since the day it arrived!

The V-Tech toys were used truly within moments of their arrival! We never seem to have enough of those for our little folks, so thank you very much for responding to that need. We are using the Wii in our teen lounge, as our old playstation recently played it's last game. Naturally, having a Wii really motivates the teens to be in the teen lounge like nothing else could!

We gave one of the iPod's to a 17yr old chronically ill patient for her 18th birthday! We have known this child for years, and her life (outside of her medical issues) is always a challenge for her. Music is the one constant for her, and something that brings her great joy and peace and enables her to cope with all that she must endure. We had an iPod in her favorite color, and she was speechless upon unwrapping her gift! She spent the afternoon with one of our music therapists loading songs onto it, and I don't think the ear phones ever left her head after that moment. The iTunes giftcards will make each of these iPods a truly complete gift for each patient who receives one!

The 2 MacBook's are an indescribable gift. In addition to providing them to our patients, the families are so grateful as well. For several years we have not had computers (desktops) available in our common areas due to misuse and this is something greatly missed by many kids and families. Thanks to your generosity we now have these laptops we can check out to kids or families so they can maintain contact with the outside world or just play games.

The list of items you donated to us is long, and my letter would be also if I mentioned each one. Please know how grateful we are to you, and to Mikey for having the vision, as a teenager, to care for others. We are honored to receive this donation in honor of Mikey's birthday, and enjoy telling folks who use the items you gave just how we came to have them! Thanks again, I don't think words could ever do justice to just how much we appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,

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