



Date: August 28, 2015

RE: Lysander Cruz
DOB: 10/10/2011
MR: 60231045
DX: Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma

To Whom It May Concern:

Lysander is a 23 month old male who was diagnosed with Stage IV, Group 4 Alveolar Rhabdomyosarcoma. When the patient was diagnosed, in August 2014, he underwent a resection surgery that removed the primary tumor from his upper right thigh. Once surgery was completed, he was given radiation to the primary tumor's site. Every 21 days, Lysander receives chemotherapy in the hospital. These treatments are followed by weekly chemotherapy in the outpatient clinic. Lysander has medical appointments 1-3 times per week depending on the treatment schedule.

The patient's mother, Loly, moved to Miami from New York to have the support of her mother. Since leaving New York, Loly has been struggling to pay the rent at her apartment. Loly's rent is \$1000 per month and she has encountered higher transportation costs as she does not own a car. About two months ago, Lysander's father moved to Miami and began working immediately. The father's income totals about \$1000 per month. The patient receives \$488 in disability per month and \$200 in food stamps. This is the extent of the family's income. The family has been threatened by their apartment community that if they pay their rent after the 3rd of the month, court proceedings will ensue immediately. The patient's mother stated that the family needs a total of \$2,755 per month to pay their bills.

Thank you for considering Lysander and his family for assistance.

Sincerely,

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