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Dear Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation,

My name is Tiffany Gallart and I am a hematology/oncology social worker at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. I am writing to you to first thank you for all your generosity with our patients and to also kindly request your help with our patient Leila Reyes Hoffman. Leila is a 10-year-old girl who was diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in August 2020. She initially received treatment in her home country of South Africa. She came to us earlier this year with hopes of saving her leg and continue her treatment here. The state hospital she was being treated at back home had very limited options for her care and suffered a fire shortly after Leila arriving in the U.S.

When Leila and her mom arrived to the U.S., it was with just a suitcase of clothes and stuffed animal replicas of her precious dogs from back home. They had *one* family friend here. Leila's mom, Katherine, did not let this deter her from doing absolutely everything possible to get Leila the best care out there. Mom spent countless hours researching foundations, making connections, and sharing Leila's story to make sure Leila could finish her treatment here and leave back to South Africa at the end of the year cancer-free.

Unfortunately, we recently learned that Leila has relapsed and her treatment is now palliative-focused. Our main goal is to have Leila pain-free and eventually have her back home surrounded by her family and her beloved pups. While we work towards this goal, Leila's mom still has an incredible amount of expenses to manage and we would love for her focus to be on keeping Leila happy and stable. Right now, Katherine pays for her car insurance here, meals, and gas but also has to keep up with her mortgage and other household bills back in South Africa. One of her biggest fears is losing their family home because she cannot work while caring for Leila. Katherine would love for her daughter to be able to spend her remaining time in her childhood home, where she has created so many beautiful memories.

We kindly ask that you help Leila's family in this time of need in any way possible. Our sincerest gratitude for your support and well-wishes for her family.

Kind regards,

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