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To Whom It May Concern:

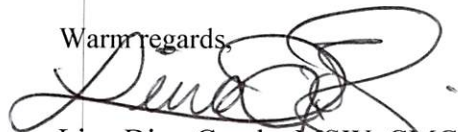
This letter is on behalf of Joelia Jose, mother of **Simon Hernandez Jr. DOB 3/05/2007**. Simon is currently a patient at Golisano Children's Hospital of Southwest Florida in the Pediatric Hematology/Oncology program under the medical care of Drs. Nicholson, Macarthur, DePombo, Sawczyn, and Salman.

Simon is a 14-year-old male battling leukemia since 9/18/2020. He received weekly chemotherapy and had weekly appointments in our office for labs, physical exams and symptom management. Simon had significant complications related to treatment including fever and infection. Unfortunately, in January 2022 he relapsed, therefore needed transplant. Simon went to JHACH in St. Pete for a Stem cell transplant, in July where he remained hospitalized for over a month. He continues to receive post-transplant follow up care in St. Pete. Joelia and her family were also been extremely affected by Hurricane IAN that hit Lee County area on Sept. 28th the family lost all their household belongings due to flooding.

Joelia is a single mom of 5 and is Simon's primary care taker. She lost her job due to Simon's treatment needs. She is supportive and caring with her son and plays a very important role in his recovery. The family is enduring financial hardship and is seeking assistance to cover basic living expenses.

We thank you in advance for special consideration for this very deserving family. Simon's treatment is ongoing as he and his family continue to fight. Any assistance is be greatly appreciated by his family during this incredibly challenging time.

Warm regards,



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