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Dear Carter,

On behalf of Connecticut Children's Medical Center (CCMC), the CCMC Foundation's Community Relations Committee, and the Aetna Center for Families, I wanted to let you know how much we enjoyed "The Adventures of Zak."

As you know from our early conversations, it was our objective to host a family event in our neighborhood, for our neighbors. Previous to any of our conversations, our committee had debated the merits of sponsoring a "Day at the Circus" or putting on a neighborhood children's fair. Thankfully, we were introduced to you and your foundation before we decided to proceed in one of those directions.

For those of us in the audience, we were impressed with the quality of the production. The costumes were wonderful, the actors and actresses were great, their voices were wonderful, and the music had audience members moving in their seats (one little girl, about 4 years old, seemed to flap her arms subconsciously to inspire Zak at the end of the show).

My greatest pleasure was in hearing comments from some of the audience members after the show. One mom came up to me thanking us for the show. She said that the issues that the characters were dealing with were exactly the ones with which her kids and family were struggling. She said that "Zak" has now given her another way to talk about how to deal with some of those challenges. Another parent, for whom getting out of the apartment was not a common occurrence, was almost dragged to the show by a relative.

Following the show, she approached me with a big smile asking when we would do something like this again. Many came out saying things like, "This would have been perfect for my husband to see." The smiles and comments told us that we accomplished what we had set out to do, and more.

Please extend our thanks to all that helped make the day so enjoyable for so many of us. We will not forget "The Adventures of Zak."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steve Balcanoff".

Steve Balcanoff
Community Programs