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Dear KidneyKids,

Thank you so much for sponsoring our Seventh Annual Pediatric Kidney Center Picnic. The picnic was amazing, with a turnout of close to a hundred people. Attendees included our pre-dialysis, dialysis, transplant patients and their families, doctors, nurses and other staff. Staff and families were able to enjoy each other's company outside the professional setting.

The families were able to meet and get to know other families who are facing the same difficulties as themselves, while at the same time enjoying good food and fun activities. One of the families, whose two year old daughter was facing transplant the next week, received tremendous support from other families who had been through the transplant process.

Thanks to KidneyKids, the younger children enjoyed pony rides, face painting, a balloonist and a moon bounce. The parents were able to take advantage of a relaxing seated massage. Our teenage patients often have the most trouble adjusting to kidney disease. We gave away wonderful door prizes - an iPod a portable stereo a Gameboy Advance and other fun electronics - helping them feel special in a positive way. KidneyKids also supported us in giving away gift certificates to the parents, and toys to the younger kids and their siblings. We were able to provide a full menu of delicious, kidney-friendly food for everyone.

KidneyKids has always been an invaluable resource to the Pediatric Kidney Center as well as the medical community. They have provided significant support to the families both on an emergency basis, as well as to those with chronic needs. When we were working with a family in crisis who could not pay for their child's medications, KidneyKids was there to help them through this difficult time. KidneyKids has helped families with infants by providing blood pressure machines to use at home, an expense that most families could not afford.

KidneyKids helps meet program needs by providing resources for patient information and education. They help support awareness of kidney disease in the community. KidneyKids is an invaluable resource for our providers as well as for our patients and their families. When we need help, we know that KidneyKids is there.

Thank you again for everything that you do!

Sincerely,

On Behalf of the Staff of
The Pediatric Kidney Center,
June Bloedorn, MSW