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Dear Sophia,

On behalf of the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), we extend our deepest gratitude for your generous and ongoing support of our cancer immunotherapy program. Your contribution plays a vital role in advancing our mission to develop innovative therapies that bring hope to children and families confronting cancer.

For decades, CHOP has been ranked nationally among the best hospitals in pediatrics because of the support from organizations like Alan's Legacy. Your unwavering commitment sparks hope and fuels the groundbreaking research that brings new cures within reach. Most recently, the immunotherapy team has spearheaded an Accelerated CAR-T Production effort at CHOP while also launching another promising clinical trial focused on personalized T-cell therapy, offering new treatment options to children with relapsed or treatment-resistant cancers. A little more than a decade ago, when patient Emily Whitehead was undergoing treatment, the clinical team relied on outsourced cells. This Accelerated CAR-T Cell Production work will instead keep all CAR-T cell production in-house, streamlining processes and reducing costs. Automating the CAR-T process allows the team to manufacture cells expeditiously – in just five to seven days – getting therapies to the bedside even faster.

In celebration of your dedication to the Buerger Center and its 10th Anniversary, we are also excited to share some important highlights with you. Since opening in July of 2015, the Buerger Center continues to be among the most state-of-the-art facilities for outpatient pediatrics in the country. Buerger is one of our five buildings certified to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver standards. There are currently 41 specialties offered across 12 floors, which was carefully designed to reduce stress for families and patients alike with thought and intention. The Center was made possible with "The Building Hope" capital campaign, which you and Alan's Legacy generously supported.

Patients come to the Buerger Center from more than 65 countries across the world, and it is CHOP's mission to make everyone feel welcome. You may see several languages represented in the lobby of the Buerger Center behind the check in desk, inspiring comfort and confidence in patient families that they will receive the care they need. The Leonard B. Kahm Discovery Walkway features the theme of "child in motion." This thoroughfare represents the journey toward health, with interactive elements incorporated throughout to engage both children and adults, which serves as a therapeutic tool for patients to create a relaxing and engaging environment.

Natural light pours into spacious waiting rooms, which are each designed to reflect a specific theme, with the floors differing to allow children and families of all ages to engage in the playful surroundings.

The 3rd floor encompasses the hematology and oncology teams, which coincides with its location in the Main Hospital, further demonstrating how much thought was put into the layout of Buerger. The 5th floor houses our physical therapy gymnasium, which showcases our two-story climbing rock wall and is utilized constantly for patients needing physical therapy or rehabilitation services.

As you know, the 6th floor of Buerger is home to the rooftop garden, which was designed to replicate the streets of Philadelphia with planter boxes and garden beds laid out in the form of a grid. The water feature mimics the Schuylkill River flowing through the center of the city, providing an area for patients and families to relax and recharge. Despite the skyline changing almost as rapidly as the seasons, patients and families alike turn to this refuge above the hubbub of the city that offers peace and tranquility to recalibrate, practice gratitude, or remember those no longer with us like Alan.

Your generosity has helped shape this incredible space and propel the work happening within its walls. Thank you, again, for your unwavering support of CHOP's mission to bring healing, hope, and breakthrough treatments to children everywhere.

With gratitude,



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