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Keith Desserich, Director
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Dear Mr. Desserich:

Thank you for your recent gift to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from The Cure Starts Now Foundation restricted for Dr. Alberto Broniscer's study of Molecular Analysis of Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Gliomas. Your support will help make a difference in the lives of children who are battling this very rare cancer.

Your gift will help ensure that our search for cures and better treatments never stops. St. Jude has the largest protocol-based pediatric brain tumor program in the nation, and we are making significant strides in this area. Our cutting-edge research is also uncovering new ways to improve the treatment of various forms of leukemia and lymphomas, eye cancer retinoblastoma, and other childhood cancers. In addition, as a leading research center for sickle cell disease, the most common genetic disorder in the U.S, and for developing vaccinations against influenza viruses, we are dedicated to searching for answers to help prevent, cure and treat catastrophic childhood diseases.

Your gift will help provide children with the best possible care. Patients receive our latest treatment protocols in a holistic approach to care. Child Life specialists, psychologists, social workers and chaplains aid patients, parents and siblings in understanding and coping with disease and treatment. Our teachers help patients continue their schoolwork while at the hospital so they can keep up with their classmates at home. Our After Completion of Therapy (ACT) Clinic monitors patients' post-cancer progress and health, free of charge, for ten years following diagnosis. We stand by our patients in this way because, even after they are cured, children may experience problems. Our continuous research helps us develop new treatments that minimize the side effects of all children treated for cancer.

Your gift will help us treat and care for our patients and their families. We are the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatments and services that are not covered by insurance, and where families without insurance are never asked to pay. In addition to covering medical costs, St. Jude provides free housing, transportation and meals to families for the entire time their children are being treated at the hospital.

Your gift makes a difference in the lives of children every day. All that we accomplish is made possible through the generosity of donors like The Cure Starts Now Foundation. We greatly appreciate your support and thank you for your gift to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. With your help, we will continue to search for cures in an effort to save the precious lives of children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 901-578-2408.

Sincerely,

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