

July 16, 2007

Mr. Hunter W. Corbin
President
The Hyde and Watson Foundation
31-F Mountain Boulevard
Warren, NJ 07059

Dear Mr. Corbin:

Thank you for The Hyde and Watson Foundation's 2006 grant of \$5,000 to Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center, which helped us complete Phase I of our Child-Friendly Environment Project, replacing outdated hospital beds with more appropriate ones for our population of medically fragile and multiply disabled children.

We have already made a strong start on Phase II of the project, which aims to transform the physical environment of the Pediatric Center into one that fully supports children's learning and healthy development, with adaptive and homelike furnishings that promote free play and stimulate young minds and senses.

Because neither Medicaid nor insurance cover furnishings, cost has been the major obstacle to purchasing these essential items for children's quality of life. We respectfully ask The Hyde and Watson Foundation to consider an increased grant of \$15,000 for our Child-Friendly Environment Project. Because we purchase furnishings as soon as funds are available, your grant will be promptly put to use to create a more comfortable, age-appropriate, and stimulating living space for children with extreme medical needs.

Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center: A Crucial Refuge for New York's Most Fragile Children

As Manhattan's only pediatric long-term care and rehabilitation facility, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center (also known as New York Foundling Hospital Center for Pediatric, Medical, and Rehabilitative Care, Inc.) plays an irreplaceable role in nurturing the potential of children with complex medical conditions and multiple disabilities. We provide holistic, child-centered health care and rehabilitation for some 250 children and adolescents per year in our 136-bed facility. Founded in 1987 as a health care affiliate of New York Foundling, Elizabeth Seton is now a fully independent nonprofit organization addressing an under-served population in New York's health care system.

As neighboring pediatric facilities decrease their investment in long-term care, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center has become, more than ever, a crucial refuge for the most medically challenged children in our community.

Our residents have substantially higher medical needs than the population of the average nursing facility: more than half receive respiratory therapy; 57% receive oxygen; more than 40% have tracheotomies; nearly 9 out of 10 require tube-feeding. Currently, 80% of the children in our care have long-term needs, and may spend much of their childhood in our care. As our new pediatric Ventilator-Dependent Program, the first of its kind in New York State, expands to serve more children, we expect the proportion of long-term care among our population to increase. More than ever, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center is more than a health care provider: it is also home, school, and community for many medically fragile children during a significant portion of their childhood.

Guided by the passionate belief that a child's diagnosis should not foreclose opportunities for learning and play, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center marshals the resources of various disciplines to help each child in our care master new achievements and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. Although 96% of children in our Pediatric Center have cognitive impairments and half have intensive cognitive needs, 86% of the children we serve attend our in-house school, including 3 out of 4 ventilator-dependent youngsters.

Children in institutional settings urgently need a stimulating environment for sensory and cognitive development. In 2003 we launched a Continuous Learning Environment initiative to infuse these children's daily routine with opportunities to learn and explore. We have trained all staff responsible for children's care to integrate education into all daily activities, from therapy to bathing. In 2005, Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center received an Innovation of the Year Award from NYAHS for this revolutionary educational approach to long-term care.

Child-Friendly Living Space Project

Elizabeth Seton launched the Child-Friendly Living Space project in tandem with our educational initiative to create a physical environment more conducive to learning, play, and growth toward independence.

From 2003 to 2006, we raised some \$333,000 to complete Phase I of the Child-Friendly Living Space Project: replacing outdated hospital-style beds and cribs with more adaptive, medically secure and homelike ones. Purchasing new beds and cribs as funds became available, we put all grants to prompt use, gradually transforming children's sleeping accommodations to support age-appropriate autonomy and freedom of movement.

Phase II will enrich the pediatric living environment with homelike, adaptive furnishings and bright, uplifting decor to increase children's autonomy, comfort, and interest in their surroundings.

Some 96% of the children we serve have cognitive impairments that may be exacerbated by living in an institutional environment with insufficient sensory stimulation. While children enjoy a varied program of activities, including Creative Arts Therapies and a wide range of educational and recreational activities, the need remains for an enriched physical environment that supports our efforts to stimulate children's senses and awaken their natural curiosity about the world.

Amenities like age-appropriate murals, colorful furnishings, rocker/gliders for a soothing sense of motion, and storage for toys and personal treasures are not mere frills for the children we serve. They are essential building blocks for healthy cognitive, emotional, and social development.

Pain management, a crucial need for many of our children, also depends on the distractions that such an enriched sensory environment can provide. An investment in these items is an investment in children's potential to triumph over the limitations imposed by severe illness and disability.

Family relationships, essential to children's healthy social and emotional development, are strained by the need for lengthy stays in health care settings, away from home. Many parents of children in Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center are very active in their children's care, despite complex and time-consuming responsibilities at work and at home. Adding comfortable chair/beds to children's rooms to accommodate overnight visits will send a strong message to parents that we welcome and encourage their involvement in their children's care.

The Importance of Your Support

Approximately \$230,260 will be needed for Phase II of the Child-Friendly Living Space project. (See attached line item budget.) Without an endowment to draw upon, lack of funds has been the major obstacle to purchasing these essential items for children's well-being. To date, we have raised \$50,000 for Phase II, and have many proposals pending with foundations and corporate grant-makers.

We purchase furnishings as funds become available, putting each grant to prompt use to improve the daily lives of the young people in our care.

We hope The Hyde and Watson Foundation will expand its support for the children we serve with an increased grant of \$15,000 to our Child-Friendly Living Space Project. Please help us take the next steps needed to create an environment where children with special medical needs can play, learn, and explore in an atmosphere of joy and hope.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me at (646) 459-3639. Thank you for your past support and your attention to our current request.

Sincerely,

MarieLou Catalano
Director, Institutional Advancement

Encl:

- Grant Application Form
- Project Budget
- Organizational Operating Budget
- Corporate and Foundation Supporters
- Board of Trustees
- Audited Financial Statement
- IRS 501(c) (3) exemption for all organizations in the Official Catholic Directory, plus a copy of our listing. Please note that we are listed under "New York Foundling Hospital Center for Pediatric, Medical, and Rehabilitative Care, Inc. dba Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center."

THE HYDE AND WATSON FOUNDATION

GRANT APPLICATION FORM

Date of Application: July 16, 2007

Legal Name of the Organization: New York Foundling Hospital Center for Pediatric, Medical, and Rehabilitative Care, Inc. DBA Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center

What is the primary purpose/mission of the organization? (Please summarize in no more than two lines)

As Manhattan's only pediatric nursing and rehabilitation facility, we are committed to providing holistic and loving care to children with complex medical needs and disabilities.

Address of Organization: 590 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10011

Telephone Number: (646) 459-3639

Executive Director: Patricia A. Tursi

Contact Person and Title (if not Executive Director): MarieLou Catalano, Director of Institutional

Advancement

Please attach a copy of letter from the Internal Revenue Service which states that your organization is tax exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and also identifies your status under the subsections of Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Purpose of Grant: (Please summarize in no more than two lines) Our Child-Friendly Environment Project aims to refurbish our pediatric center with adaptive, homelike furniture and décor conducive to growth, learning, and healthy development of multiply disabled and medically fragile children in long-term pediatric care.

Amount requested for the project: \$ 15,000

Total cost of the project: \$230,260 (Phase II) Amount raised for the project: \$50,000 (Phase II)+\$333,265 (Phase I)

(Signature and title of an authorized official requesting the grant on behalf of the applicant's governing board)

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Elizabeth Seton Pediatric Center
(aka NY Foundling Hospital Center for Pediatric, Medical, and Rehabilitative Care, Inc.)
Child-Friendly Environment Project Budget

Phase I Completed 2003-2006: Beds and Associated Equipment	\$333,265
Phase II: Storage Seating, and Enriched Sensory Environment	
EXPENDITURES	Cost
136 Accessible Dressers & Night-Tables @ \$500	\$68,000
34 Convertible Chair/Beds for Visiting Parents @ \$2,000	\$68,000
34 Glider/Rockers @ \$550	\$18,700
116 Swing Arm Wall Lamps for Reading in Bed @ \$156	\$18,560
Privacy Curtains	\$20,000
Murals on Moveable Panels	\$37,000
TOTAL for Phase II:	\$230,260
INCOME for Phase II:	
Heckscher Foundation for Children	40,000
Adolph and Ruth Schnurmacher	10,000
TOTAL for PHASE II	\$50,000