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Dear Gary,

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The Children's Hospital at Westmead is Australia's leading centre for the treatment of children who have a wide range of medical conditions and disorders. A high priority is placed on continuing education to improve the lives of our present and future patients. A recent initiative in this area has been the re-branding of the 'Kids Research Institute' as the research arm of The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Your support of the Kids Research Institute is very much appreciated and I am pleased to enclose a copy of the latest Kids Research Institute Annual Review which highlights just some of the achievements that we have accomplished in the last twelve months.

The Kids Research Institute focuses on developing cures for and preventions of childhood disease across seven research themes: Neurosciences and Mental Health; Cancer Biology; Tissue repair; Genetics, Gene Therapy and Genomics; Obesity and Metabolism; Infectious Disease, Immunology and Renal Medicine; and Clinical Sciences and Health Services Delivery.

A critical part of our work is clinical trials, which allow us to test promising new methods and treatments and make new advances available to sick children as quickly as possible. Our staffs are trialling new treatments for adolescents with eating disorders, vaccines to prevent whooping cough in the very young infant, innovative therapies to prevent Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes and new drugs to cure cancer and improve the health of children with chronic lung disease. We hope to increase our capacity for clinical translational research over the next two years with investment in new facilities and increased staff – this will ultimately lead to better health for children. The hospital, the University of Sydney and the community will be our partners in developing this exciting initiative.

The enclosed report highlights some of the many advances and achievements our researchers have made in the past year alone. There are many children and young people who are alive today thanks to the research carried out here, and many more who look to our future advancements with great hope. None of this would be possible without your help.

But it does not stop there. We have some of the most talented and dedicated medical research staff in the world at the Kids Research Institute. They need access to the most up-to-date tools and resources and support for their research programs and clinical trials. We need your sustained support to ensure we have enough recurring funds this year and in years to come to maintain the momentum. It is only with your help that we will be able to continue to deliver the best possible outcomes for sick children across the country.

Thank you once again for your generous support.

Best wishes



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