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Dear Members of the Tri Village Bow Club:

It is with a heavy, yet also a grateful heart, that we send this letter of appreciation for your generous donation in memory of Danielle McCagg. We all look to the day when we will no longer send a letter that remembers the passing of a child who has had to battle cancer. As Danielle's physician and a co-chair of The Children's Cancer Program at the Children's Hospital at Albany Medical Center, I thank you for your generous donation. Your contribution is critical in allowing us to care for each and every child we meet.

I'm sure it won't surprise you to know that Danielle was a young lady who touched the hearts of so many of our staff during the more than three years we knew her. There was always that twinkle in Danielle's eye and although her manner appeared quiet and reserved, Danielle was a young woman who knew what she wanted, what was important, and when something mattered to her ~ like treatment not conflicting with her social plans~ she spoke up and negotiated the details!

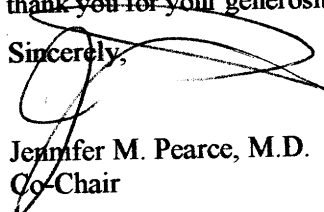
Typically it is a great struggle for parents of a teen with cancer to let them continue down the path of normal growth, separation, and independence. Danielle's parents and the adults in her life showed the greatest and most selfless love by giving her roots and wings! They worked hard to keep her young life as normal as possible, in spite of her disease, and ultimately set the tone for Danielle to simply continue to grow into the beautiful young woman we all were fortunate to know. Danielle's priorities were clear, her family, her boyfriend & friends, were her life...not her disease. Her focus was on quality time with those she loved and she maintained a posture of amazing grace with respect to her treatment.

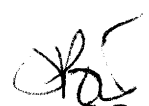
Your donation in memory of Danielle will allow us to continue to provide the highest quality and most comprehensive care for patients and their families. With your gift, Danielle's parents have chosen to support one of the pieces of our program that they found valuable during their journey with us. They believe that Danielle's memory will be served well by underscoring the important role that our social workers have on our medical team. They provide education, advocacy, and support and strive to enhance the emotional and physical well-being of children with cancer and their families. They are here to help children and families navigate their new and complicated world of childhood cancer and help bridge the gap between the world within and beyond childhood cancer. Your support will help to make resources readily available so that they may continue to provide their vital service of treating the whole child and helping to support the entire family.

Your kind gift in Danielle's memory will undoubtedly help other children undergoing treatment for cancer and touch them and their families at a most critical time. Certainly Danielle is a fine example of how a young person can make the most of their own life and it is fitting that your support will help us to help others live life in spite of their illness, as Danielle did.

It is your generosity that allows us to provide child-centered quality and complete medical care. On behalf of the staff of the Children's Cancer Program, Danielle's parents, and all of the young people we treat and their families, thank you for your generosity and thoughtful contribution. We will be sure to serve Danielle's memory well!

Sincerely,


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