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To Whom It May Concern:

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Please accept this letter as a sincere thank you for supporting the British Columbia Childhood Cancer Parents Association (BCCCPA).

The financial aid offered through BCCCPA to families affected by childhood cancer goes directly to families who are experiencing financial hardship or challenges imposed by their child's cancer diagnosis and treatment. A cancer diagnosis and treatment introduces many practical challenges for families and these can leave families feeling overwhelmed, exhausted and sometimes in heightened distress. Following a cancer diagnosis, families have to determine how to best support their family and contend with treatment-related costs while simultaneously processing their thoughts and feelings and voluminous amounts of information- this is a significant task.

Financial aid offered through BCCCPA is provided to families to ease some of their practical stresses. To give some examples, families often use this support to pay for accommodation while they are in Vancouver for an extended period of time, for a mortgage payment when neither parent has an income due to the demands of caring for their child, for flights for siblings to come to Vancouver throughout treatment- these are only a few examples of how this financial support has been used by families.

Financial aid through BCCCPA changes the lives of the families to whom it is given. Families are able to use their judgement to determine what these funds will be used for and as a result, they are able to retain some control over the many changes in their lives imposed by pediatric cancer and treatment. This financial aid is not only provided to families in significant financial need but it also provides the opportunity for a family to just focus on being a family.

Thank you so much for your support of pediatric oncology families.

Kindest Regards,

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