

June Prisand Hannah Banana Foundation 353 East 72nd Street New York, NY 10021

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Dear June and Hannah Banana Foundation,

Please accept my heartfelt thanks on behalf of the children, families and staff of Winthrop University Hospital for your recent visit to the Child Life Program. The poems and activities you provided definitely brought a smile to the children's faces that were lucky enough to participate! The poems are wonderful, and we thank you for sharing them with us. Of course the kids (and volunteers) loved the juice and cookies as well. That was a nice bonus to the visit! The kids and their parents really appreciated you spending time with them and helping to make a boring Saturday in the hospital much more fun and entertaining. It was so kind of you to think of us.

It is frightening for a child to be in the hospital for any length of time. It is our mission in Child Life to address the unique emotional and developmental needs of hospitalized children, as well as their families, helping them cope with illness or injury and the uncertainties it brings. Your generous gift of arts and crafts, and snacks, as well as your time and energy fosters our mission and enables our team of Child Life Specialists to do what they do best...provide personalized and compassionate care, medical education and family interaction to create an environment conducive to healing.

We would love to have you come back in the future to read more poems and do another activity with our patients!

Sincerely,

Melanie Bucholtz, MS, CCLS