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TWIN CITIES

University Hospitals and Clinics
420 Delaware Street S.E.
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55455

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Duck Soup Players
948 Carmel Court
St. Paul, Minnesota 55112

Dear Pat and Players,

I wonder if you realize just how enjoyable and valuable your performance was for our patients last week. There is no doubt in my mind that it was more than fun for the kids; the therapeutic value of diversion, laughter, and enjoyment cannot be disputed. Certainly a performance of the quality and professional caliber of your group is of equal benefit to a session with a professional Therapeutic Recreationalist.

As I watched the audience that night, I saw another benefit that often goes unnoticed. Parents of children who are seriously ill are under a tremendous strain. That night as I watched, I saw many parental eyes wander from the stage, and rest on the face of their child. For them to see their children in a normal childhood situation-- of play and fun-- must do them more to relieve the strain than anything medical science could give them.

Thanks so much! The play and all the personal touches-- greasepaint for little faces, autographs, allowing the kids to handle props-- fit into our plan for total health care. We are looking forward to your second visit on February 26!

Cordially,

Roberta Collins
Director Volunteer Services

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