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Dear Evelyn,

The Feinstein Institute's Leukemia/Lymphoma/Myeloma Research Program is indebted to LILAC and its members for the invaluable support you have provided over the past decade. Funding medical research is always a challenge, and the current state of our nation's economy makes this even more problematic.

Our Program has benefited from your hard work and generosity since 1999. During this period, LILAC helped purchase equipment to facilitate research into the incurable B-cell lymphoproliferative disorders, in particular chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). With your help, we have learned how to measure the speed of growth of leukemic cells in different patients, and we have also identified ways to distinguish those patients who will have a relatively benign course that usually does not require treatment from those patients who will have a much more malignant course usually requiring continuous chemotherapy. These studies are now being carried to the next level, developing novel treatments to treat this presently incurable disease.

This work could not have proceeded at the pace it did without LILAC's support. We hope that you are proud of the work that your contributions have enabled and that you will continue to help us find the cause and cure for these diseases.

Our entire team is truly grateful for all that your group has done for our program, and we committed with you to conquer this dreaded problem.

Warmest regards,

