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Steven Korf, Acting CFO
St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center
450 West 33rd St, 12th Fl.
New York, NY 10001

Re. St. Vincent's Catholic Medical Center Rape Crisis Program,
Account # 20740

Dear Mr. Korf:

I am writing to request a distribution of restricted funds that had been donated to the St. Vincent's Rape Crisis Program and held in Private Grant Account 20740. Enclosed please find a copy of the most recent statement available for that account, showing a balance of 16,937.29.

The Rape Crisis Program at St. Vincent's was closed on May 28, 2010, when the staff were laid off. All of the staff of the program were hired by St. Luke's- Roosevelt Hospital Center on June 1, 2010 and the St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center Crime Victim Treatment Program continues to provide, at the same address, virtually all of the services that had been offered by the St. Vincent's Program.

The 20740 account was established in 2009 when the Rape Crisis Program held a fund raising event. The money raised from this event along with client donations, corporate volunteer matches, and donations from other sources that were specifically directed to the Program were all deposited into this account. Because these funds were specifically donated with the intention of benefitting the Rape Crisis Program and not the hospital generally, these are restricted funds and should be released to the program that continues, with the same staff, at the same location, the work of the Rape Crisis Program.

We note that the State's Crime Victims Board (now the Office of Victim Services) has recognized the identity of the former and current programs and is in the process of directing the grant that partially funded the old program to its successor.

Every penny is essential for the continued operation of this valuable service for victims of sexual assault and childhood sexual abuse. We believe that release of the donated funds to the present program is required given the donors' intention to support the work of the program.

Very truly yours,



David Engel

VP & Deputy General Counsel



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