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Dear Dr. Payne:

The past several months have been a constant challenge. As you know I've been repeatedly hospitalized, most recently just last week. Each hospitalization is followed by an extended recuperation period, and rehab program at home. The doctors and nurses apply all the greatest technology the rest as they say, is up to me. If left unchecked the continuous isolation and boredom may complicate the recovery process. Although my illness is becoming more involved and challenging to treat, I'd have to say the past several months have been less difficult to manage.

Your generous gift of a computer has kept me occupied for hours of otherwise boring and sometimes, painful therapy and medical procedures. I've completed putting my first volume of writings on the computer, completed work assignments (which has helped keep me as an asset to my employer, maintain payroll, health insurance, etc...), and am developing worksheets to track the items of interest to my doctors. I've even branched out and tried a few computer games!

I use to loath and even become anxious when the doctors said I had to go onto the breathing machine for hours at a time. During this process you are literally hooked to a 5-foot tube, that is your entire world. Now during this time, I turn on the computer; things are less scary.

Although I work full time, a home computer simply was not an option when paying rent, student loans, and significant medical bills. I remain ever so grateful that I was the recipient of your generosity. It has significantly contributed to my well-being, continued employment, and health care.

I wish you all the greatest successes.

Sincerely,

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