



December 30, 2003

Mr. Stephen Koepfer
American Sambo Association
18-48 21st Drive
Astoria, New York 11105

Dear Stephen,

On behalf of the Child Life Program in the Department of Pediatrics at Maimonides Medical Center, I would like to express our sincere gratitude for the American Sambo Associations fundraiser, benefiting A Kids Kicking Cancer program at our hospital.

As you know, Kids Kicking Cancer is a martial arts program that strives to empower patients during some very difficult times in their lives. As a child life specialist working with the hematology oncology patients, you have seen first hand how chronic and life threatening illnesses as well as their required outpatient and inpatient hospital stays have the potential to interrupt many important developmental milestones for children. Throughout the years, you have been dedicated in providing our children and families with an immeasurable amount of comfort, support and compassion. Your current efforts in providing funding for this new programming is indeed a remarkable example of your dedication to improving programming.

We are very grateful for your generous \$925.00 donation, but more importantly your service to meet the ever-changing needs of the children and families we serve.

Sincerely,

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cc Dr. Steven Shelov
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