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Arin Amanda Prisand  
President  
Hannah Banana Foundation  
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New York, NY 10021

Dear Ms. Prisand;

The Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery extends its most heartfelt gratitude to you and the Hannah Banana Foundation for the generous donation of 250 bags of uplifting items for chronically ill, hospitalized oncology patients and those with head and neck disease.

As you well know, the suffering endured by these patients can be unbearable. The gift bags your foundation assembles and distributes can definitely brighten a hospital stay by cheering a patient confined to the hospital. Any thing that can generate a smile is indeed therapeutic. Therefore, we were thrilled to receive your thoughtful gift. Some of the bags have already been presented to patients and the rest are on hand for future distribution in the course of the year.

Our appreciation to the Hannah Banana Foundation is boundless. We cannot forget Linda Brosterman also for her time and effort in coordinating the donation to Mount Sinai. May the foundation continue to grow and prosper in your efforts to embrace the many chronically and terminally ill patients here and elsewhere. It is such a beautiful tribute to the memory of Hannah Prisand.

Sincerely yours,

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