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Dear everyone at Shira Hadasha,

Thank you so much for your very generous donation of over \$11000 to our 'Friends of Sick Children' charity (FOSC) that we run within our department. As I'm sure Naor has explained to you, FOSC helps us to keep a reasonable level of service going at Queen Elizabeth Central Hospital by providing us with funds to hire additional nursing staff and cleaners. So for instance last night when I was on call, one of our wards had 3 nurses to care for the 110 children admitted to it, rather than the one nurse that the Ministry of Health provided! Government provision in Malawi is slowly increasing, but there is still a long way to go. Your generosity makes a real difference to the care we provide to a lot of very poor children.

Let me also take this opportunity to say thanks for supporting Naor in this way. We are delighted to have him here and very grateful for his input into the department. Thanks too to Michael Fagenblat for his initiative and to Pebby Wald and Sarah Koval who worked hard to make this happen.

On behalf of our team here, and mostly on behalf of the parents and kids that this money will help, Zikomo Kwambiri (thanks very much) and Mulungu Akudalitseni (May God Bless you)

Yours sincerely,

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