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The team of Medical Professionals at Focos Hospital,  
Accra-Ghana.

Dear team,

**RE: APPRECIATION FOR YOUR SERVICES.**

Today marks exactly two years since you performed the second life changing spinal surgery on my daughter Treasure Milly Kwagala Ntende. Celebrating and thanking God for Treasure's life on this day is inevitable for us being her close family because as unpleasant as it may sound, we would be mourning in memory of a loved one lost if it were not for your hard work and commitment. Our celebration and joy therefore cannot be complete if we omit to acknowledge your hard work in ensuring that both her surgeries were successful.

You may not believe that through your hard work and diligence, a whole new person was created. When I first came to FOCOS in May 2019, I brought for treatment an unhappy, terrified child who had already lost sense of pride in herself and hope because of the stigma she had already suffered as a result of her condition and in exchange, I took back home with me a confident, happy and optimistic child following your intervention. This transformation in her life even impacted positively on her Academic Performance and to our surprise she emerged one of the best pupils in the country in the National Primary School Leaving Examinations having scored a distinction in each of the four subjects despite the fact that she skipped a class because of the time she spent while undergoing treatment. It was so exciting to see her name listed in the nations Newspapers as one of the best performing students in Uganda in Academic year 2020. All this transformation was made possible because you did not reject us when we approached you for help. As professionals you were very aware of the risks surrounding her surgery but you cautiously and diligently went head on with the task and God was merciful to grant us the desired outcomes.

I do not take for granted the many times her condition was brought up as topic for discussion in your routine morning meetings, and in your meetings with other visiting

surgeons. It was pleasant to note that my daughter's condition had been carefully studied by the time she was to go in for surgery and all possible risk had been carefully identified and mitigated. It was even more comforting to note that she was being managed by the world's best brains as far as spinal surgery is concerned.

As I express my gratitude to you today, I want to specifically acknowledge the excellent work done by Otumfuo Hiahene Professor Oheneba Boachie Adjei, who was Treasure's lead surgeon, Dr. Irene Wulf and her team, Dr. Yankey Kwado, Dr. Sakey fio, and any other Surgeons who were part of the teams that executed both of her surgeries, Sister Gertrude and the entire I.C.U team, Doctor Prisca Ayitey, Dr. Ofori Amankwah and all other doctors who were part of the team during our almost six months stay at FOCOS hospital and the entire team of nurses. I want to specifically thank Director Mavis Amoateng who not only ensured that Treasure had a comfortable stay on the ward but also tirelessly encouraged and prayed with us. I also acknowledge with gratitude the support and care we received from all other departments which include Administration under Mrs. Paschalina Adaamba, dietetics, physiotherapy, radio therapy the Laboratory.

I also want to acknowledge hospital management for finding it worthwhile to periodically take patients and their care takers out for refreshment. I always looked forward to such moments because it played a big role in making us feel at home and easing our tension.

We can only continue praying that God Continues uphold and sustain FOCOS Hospital and grant long life to especially the medical team so that more people can benefit from its services. We look forward to meeting you again at the earliest possible opportunity that God brings our way.

Yours faithfully,



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