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His Excellency The Hon. David Sergeenko, MD
Minister of Health
Republic of Georgia

Dear Dr. Sergeenko,

Please accept my sincere thanks on behalf of Global Healing and the JoAnn Medical Center for your work to support pediatric care in the Republic of Georgia. Global Healing is very honored to be able to continue to work with JAMC to provide better healthcare for Georgian children.

As you are aware, JAMC and Global Healing are working together with St. Jude Medical Center to develop a comprehensive pediatric cancer center in Georgia. To help get this project started, Global Healing and the JAMC together are applying to the USAID for a grant under their American Schools and Hospitals Abroad (ASHA) program to support construction of the new cancer center. The ASHA program is a highly competitive program in which applications are considered from many different countries and regions. One of the very important selection criteria for these highly competitive awards is sustainability. The applicants must be able to show that the construction project will make an enduring contribution to health.

We thank you very much for the commitment you have already expressed to ensure that standards of cancer care in Georgia will include state of the art cancer care for children, and that the Ministry is planning to support the costs of this care. This support is fundamental to the sustainability of the project. It is very important for us to be able to convey your position to USAID in an authoritative way in our grant application in order for us to be competitive. Therefore I would respectfully request that you provide Global Healing with a letter of support for this application, stating the Ministry's willingness to provide this support in order to strengthen pediatric cancer care in Georgia, while still providing a level playing field for all Georgian medical institutions.

The deadline for submission of the next round of ASHA applications is February 13, 2018. I hope that you would be able to provide us with a letter of support in time to submit it with this application. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Mamuka Chkhaidze (mchkhaidze@jamc.ge) or Mikheil Kukhalashvili (mikheilkukhalashvili@gmail.com) at the JAMC or to contact me directly at john@globalhealing.org.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely Yours,

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