



September 30, 2015

Mr. John Eaglesham
Santa Barbara County Public Health Department
Emergency Medical Services Agency
300 N. San Antonio Road
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Dear Mr. Eaglesham,

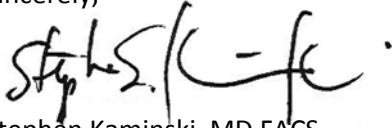
We welcome the opportunity to submit a proposal for the use of the Richie Funds as the only verified Level II Pediatric Trauma Center in Santa Barbara County. We understand the intent of the legislature is that these funds be used to support pediatric trauma care and increase access to and coordination of pediatric trauma care services. The use of the Richie Funds will be directed at assisting pediatric trauma in 3 areas: injury prevention and outreach, pediatric specific equipment and access to subspecialty care. This letter summarizes the details of our proposal.

1. Preventable injuries are the number one killer of kids in the US. Too many families do not have access to the information and resources they need to keep their kids safe from tragedies such as car crashes and falls. Our Pediatric Injury Prevention and Outreach Program would benefit from financial support in order to provide child passenger safety programs, mild traumatic brain injury prevention, and trauma outreach and education for the county of Santa Barbara. Funds would be used to purchase protective equipment such as helmets and car seats, support outreach and education programs. The Richie funds would also be used for outreach in the community, providing means for educational events that would capture both the public and medical community.
2. As traumatic brain injury is the primary injury suffered by children in Santa Barbara County, physician's compensation for indigent care will be directed toward reimbursement of neurosurgical coverage for the management of these injuries. A mechanism will be set up where a physician providing pediatric neurosurgical coverage for the management of traumatic brain injury will be compensated at an on call rate.
3. A well-defined and equipped area in the Emergency Department for the resuscitation of children is integral for the management of pediatric trauma patients. Children have a wider range of needs in terms of intravenous access, endotracheal tubes, spine immobilization collars, medications and other treatment equipment than adults. A portion of the Richie's funds will be applied to maintain Santa Barbara County emergency departments equipped and ready for the resuscitation of traumatically injured children.

4. All services or goods that meet the description above would be invoiced to the county per the *Pediatric Trauma Care "Richie" Fund Distribution* policy.

Please see the attached estimated breakdown of the financials related to this proposal as well as the signatures of those pediatric community partners in support. Thank you for your time and consideration of our proposal. We look forward to working with you and proceeding with our plan to support pediatric trauma care.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Kaminski". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Stephen Kaminski, MD FACS
Director, Trauma Services and SICU
Cottage Health System