



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
NEW YORK, NY 10007

December 9, 2014

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to welcome everyone to SKIP of New York's Holiday Gathering and to recognize its tremendous accomplishment of helping 25,000 children.

Building a brighter future for our city begins with caring for the youngest New Yorkers, and every child deserves the opportunity to live and grow up in a safe, nurturing environment. Children recovering from illnesses and living with developmental disabilities face a unique set of challenges, often spending prolonged amounts of time in hospitals and medical facilities. SKIP annually connects over 5,000 of these children and their families to services and resources they need to be cared for in their own homes, and this year, SKIP brought hope to its 25,000th child. By helping families navigate the healthcare system and connecting them to programs that can reduce the cost of at-home care, SKIP has enhanced the healing process and established a strong community of support. I am proud to join with SKIP to celebrate this incredible milestone, and I look forward to working with all its partners and supporters to better the health of New Yorkers.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a wonderful event and continued success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bill de Blasio".

Bill de Blasio
Mayor