June 18, 2013

Palms Middle School
10860 Woodbine Street
Los Angeles, CA 90034

Dear Palms Middle School:

On behalf of all of us at the Simms/Mann - UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology, we want to thank you for your donation in memory of Sally Demers, the mother of Palms students. I have notified her family of your donation in her memory. I have also sent special acknowledgement to the individuals whose efforts were especially noted.

Cancer touches the lives of so many; our Center works to help patients and family members sustain their spirits and hope through a cancer diagnosis and its treatment. As we look around the Center and observe the staff trying to see more and more patients and their families with fewer resources, we are so grateful for your support. Last year alone we had over 12,000 sessions with patients, and over 2000 sessions with families/relatives of patients.

The Simms/Mann - UCLA Center for Integrative Oncology is a special place designed to meet the psychological and personal comfort needs of cancer patients and their family members. Our staff provides diverse psychosocial care including group and individual counseling, medical services liaison and patient advocacy, stress management and development of coping skills, bereavement support, a monthly lecture series - Insights Into Cancer, a Resource Newsletter, the Reflections Boutique, the Integrative Assessment program and a variety of other supportive and educational services. In addition, each year we train 12 students working on their Masters of Social Work or Doctorate in Psychology, Oncology and Health Emphasis. I have included some of our materials for you to share with your students, but being so tech-savvy we hope they will log on to our website, www.simmsmanncenter.ucla.edu, to learn about cancer and its treatments. We have so much information—many streaming videos of lectures by the best and brightest UCLA researchers and health practitioners, information about nutrition and life-style changes, links to resources.

We are a non-profit and are totally dependent upon voluntary donations -- not fees -- from patients, their families and other friends of the Center; we receive no support from the state or university. We strive every day to be the best providers of psycho-social support for people facing cancer diagnoses and the family members who assist them. We are proud of the work we do and honored that you choose to acknowledge us with your gift.

With gratitude,

Marcia Britvan
Administrator