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Dear Doron Family:

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones in good health. I am writing to express our gratitude for your passionate support of ATRT research in our laboratory at the Labatts' Brain Tumour Research Center, and to share the progress of the research your philanthropy funds has generously supported. Your dedicated effort in fund raising has allowed us to accelerate our work in this area in a relatively short period of time. I am attaching a progress report in which you will find details of achievements facilitated by your support which include:

1. Development of a new test for ATRT gene alterations at SickKids that is now available as a clinical test to hospitals globally.
2. Development of a large ATRT tumour and tumour cell line bank.
3. Establishment of a complete genetic map of ATRT using advanced whole genome sequencing techniques.

We are very excited by these recent developments but particularly in the area of genomics research for ATRT. With the results of these studies, we are now planning to expand work into other research areas in collaboration with our colleagues (Drs Dirks, Rutka, Taylor, Tabori, Hawkins and Bouffet) at the Labatt's Brain Tumour Centre and in the clinic. In the near future, we aim to exploit this new knowledge in order to develop ATRT disease models for testing new drugs to take to the clinic.

I am also attaching published materials on ATRT research which has been made possible in part through genetic tests developed with the ATRT research funds. I hope to report on the much awaited results of our advanced genetic studies on ATRT by year end. Many thanks again for your invaluable support and dedication to ATRT research.

Sincerely,

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