Dear Family Advocacy Day Attendee,

I would like to personally welcome you to Washington, D.C. for the 11th annual Speak Now For Kids Family Advocacy Day, sponsored by the Children’s Hospital Association. Over the next two days, we expect approximately 250 children’s hospital participants from across the country to advocate on issues that impact children’s health care.

Family Advocacy Day is a family-friendly and fully wheelchair-accessible event. The event program will equip you with the information and skills needed to advocate for federal policies that are essential to your hospital’s mission of clinical care, education, research and advocacy.

In return, we look to you – someone who truly understands the importance of children’s hospitals – to be an ambassador for your hospital, your community’s children, and the many other children’s hospitals across the country. We also hope you will be energized by the mission of the Children’s Hospital Association and continue to serve as a voice for children’s health beyond your short stay in Washington, D.C.

This packet includes materials that you may find useful during your stay in Washington, D.C. Behind this letter is the official event program that outlines all of the activities. The program is followed by logistical materials, including a map of Capitol Hill and important contact information in the event of an emergency.

Background materials for legislative visits are available at the government relations desk, so hospital staff members are well-equipped to lead conversations about today’s critical child health issues. The families’ job is to share their personal story with lawmakers and put a face on the issues about which we care most.

Please let any Children’s Hospital Association staff member know how we may be of service during your stay. We hope that you find Family Advocacy Day to be a rewarding experience.

Best regards,

Mark Wietecha
President and CEO
Children’s Hospital Association