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To: John Varley, Team River Gate High School
From: Monica Venere, PhD

Congratulations to the members of River Gate High School for fundraising for the 2018 Relay For Life of Warren. Your tireless commitment in support of the numerous programs and services provided by the American Cancer Society is phenomenal and is the only way we are truly going to make a difference in our united fight against cancer. As a recent recipient of a Research Scholar Grant, I want to personally thank you for your remarkable fundraising efforts in support of researchers like myself who have made it our life's work to discover curative treatments for cancer.

The process of being awarded research support from the American Cancer Society is a rigorous and highly competitive one. This ensures that the funds raised via efforts such as yours support the most novel and cutting-edge ideas with true potential to make a change. I am therefore extremely honored that my research is supported by the American Cancer Society and deeply grateful to you for your fundraising efforts. Simply put, I would not be able to move my ideas forward without you. Our research aims to understand how some cancer cells continue to grow even after radiotherapy, which is a common treatment modality for many cancers. We currently focus on brain tumors but our findings will likely be translatable to other tumor types. Specifically, we have identified a protein that seems to give cancer cells an advantage to grow even after radiotherapy. Through the support of the American Cancer Society Research Scholar Grant, we will understand how this protein is able to do this as well as how we can target this protein to make radiotherapy even more effective and reduce tumor recurrence.

Once again, thank you for your incredible support, it absolutely makes a difference. Through your fundraising efforts, the American Cancer Society will continue its successful support of research that will yield real change for cancer patients and lead to our shared common goal to eradicate cancer.

Sincerely,

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