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Dear Rabbi Gordon,

I can't tell you how touched and inspired I am by your Lifting the Human Spirit by Visiting program. Watching my father's reactions and the way in which it lifts his spirits is priceless. And I must admit, the program lifts my own spirits as well.

LHSVS is a valuable and greatly needed program; what you are doing does make a difference... I see it first hand; and not just with my father, but with everyone in the room!

Due to his medical condition, my father has become a bit less social which concerns me, but your LHSVS programs bring him out of his room, once again. It is especially uplifting to watch my Dad interact with the youth volunteers and sports figures. LHSVS has definitely given him a whole new outlook and sense of community with others at The Claremont.

Your commitment to holding multiple LHSVS visiting sessions, has kept this from being a 'momentary flash of hope' to something much more substantial and meaningful. It has created a sense of 'family' for all of us.

I love that you use 'Sports' as a common theme, as it is something of interest to all generations... it certainly gives my father and me more to talk about... especially with the realization that so many of life's lessons can be learned through the metaphor of sports.

There are a lot of medications on the market to help ease our pain, but lets face it: you can't tell somebody they matter... or that they are loved and cared about with a pill. LHSVS does something that no medication can do... it lifts spirits, lowers stress and raises hope.

Thank you so much for allowing me to be a part of something so meaningful.

Appreciatively yours

(Son of Claremont Resident )