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Dear Mr. Draimin,

I am writing to report on the grant we received through Tides Canada and The Funding Network—Toronto in December 2006.

Our original request was for \$10,000 to reprint 1000 “My First Year” Photo Books used by parents attending our Make the Connection Parent-Infant Attachment programs. Approximately \$3,000 of the grant was to be used for purchase of 1000 disposable cameras to give out with the photo books.

With our actual grant of \$9,296.79 we:

- Reprinted 1000 copies of “My First Year” at a cost of \$7,054.20.
- Put the remaining “\$2242.59 towards 1000 copies of “My Second Year” - a similar type of Photo Book for the toddler age level.

All of these Photo Albums (and many more) were given free of charge to families attending Make the Connection programs in Ontario, Saskatchewan and BC last year.

Parents fill the albums with pictures of themselves and their baby to illustrate positive relationship vignettes such as—“insert a photo of you comforting your baby when fussy or upset” or “insert a photo of you showing delight in something your baby has discovered.” There are many benefits to families who complete this project, such as increasing parents’ self-confidence and creating a keepsake of their emotional connections with their child.

We gave up our plan to provide disposable cameras with the Photo Albums because group facilitators were reporting that the number of families needing disposable cameras was becoming rare. This is a complete reversal from 2003 when we launched Make the Connection and few parents owned a camera.

If you have any further questions about our use of the grant we would be happy to respond. We are sincerely thankful to Tides Canada and to The Funding Network for helping us reach so many families with this unique and valuable parenting resource.

Kind regards,

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Co-Director

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