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Dear Mrs. Hollingshead,

It is with great pleasure that I apply to the recreational therapy internship at Shriners Hospital where I would get the opportunity to work with and learn from you. Shriners has always had a special place in my heart and an important role in my background as I was a patient at Shriners for the majority of my childhood. I often refer to Shriners' mission statement for inspiration in my education and career. One aspect of the statement I have come to appreciate is the declaration that Shriners provides their services in a compassionate and family-centered care. Ever since I was a patient at Shriners, I've made it my goal to be able to be a part of treating and supporting children who have disabilities and do that by showing compassion to them and their families. I know that being a recreational therapy intern at Shriners and working alongside you would educate me on how to provide this care in the highest quality and most effective way.

I have acquired an array of skills that have proven to be useful as I've gotten into the field of recreational therapy. One of them is I've learned how to adapt to different situations and approach them in the most effective and beneficial way. I feel that this ability will come in handy as far as providing care and treatment to patients of all abilities and needs whom may have very different goals. I can stand back and look at all the information and plan out the best approach for each patient in order to ensure the treatment I'm delivering is helping the patients to achieve their goals. I am also an effective communicator. I can connect with people easily and engage in conversations where we dissect a problem or an important topic and discuss the desired end result. I enjoy planning out how the journey from start to finish can be productive and goal-oriented, yet enjoyable. I especially like doing this with kids. Hearing and incorporating the ideas they come up with into our plan is one of my favorite things to do. I look forward to using these skills in my future career, and, hopefully, in an internship at Shriners.

I thank you immensely for taking the time to read through this letter and considering me for this position. I would be absolutely honored to be a recreational therapy intern at Shriners and would value and treasure the experience for a lifetime. I know that being able to be in this position would shape my future career as a recreational therapist in the greatest way possible and I would be able to put the knowledge I would gain to use all throughout my career. I will look forward to hopefully hearing from you soon. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Aubrey Mansfield