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Dear Mr. Playford,

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I would like to thank you for the sheepskin that you so kindly donated to the Multi-Handicapped Team. The sheepskin has been used by a seventeen year old male who has a diagnosis of cerebral palsy. This particular young man is a spastic quadriplegic and is very immobile. He also has a great many feeding challenges due to his condition and is quite under weight. This lack of body fat has led to concerns with his skin because of bony prominences.

The family decided to use the sheepskin on a 30 day trial basis. At our first appointment, the client had a total of five pressure ulcers located on his scapula, coccyx and hip. Four of the five pressure ulcers rated at stage II according to the Braden Assessment Scale. It was evident that the other ulcer was forming from a shearing action due to a brace. This last area was well on it's way to becoming a Stage II ulcer as well. The family had been trying to control the skin's condition with hydrocolloid products which were costing as least \$25.00 per week.

After thirty days of sheepskin use, four of the five ulcers had healed. The physical therapist involved decided to cut the brace back rather than use a small piece of sheepskin. I am confident that using a small piece of sheepskin to relieve the pressure would have been more cost effective, made less travelling for the family, and decreased the amount of stress on the individual.

The parents have commented on the fact that their son seems to sleep better, is definitely more comfortable and is much happier since the introduction of the sheepskin. The benefits have been enormous to this person. I also believe that we have saved the taxpayers money. In the long run, a lot of funds would have been spent on hydrocolloid products. Due to the successful use of the sheepskin, this family requires reduced hours of professional time.



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In closing, we appreciate your efforts and have had an extremely positive experience with your product. It would be beneficial, I believe, to have the Australian Medical Sheepskin available to those who are at great risk for skin breakdown.

Yours sincerely,

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