The Matthews Foundation



The mission of The Matthews Foundation is to provide financial aid and support to help children of Maryland who are dealing with the diagnosis of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL).

We provide financial assistance to the family to cope with the burden of financial hardship during the initial treatment phase. Also, we provide resources and support services that are available to patients and their families.

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The Founders

The Matthews Foundation was formed in 2008 by Jennifer Daly, John Valenti and Lisa Russell. In 2006, Jennifer's son Matthew was diagnosed with (ALL) Leukemia. During Matthew's journey, his family made lifelong friends with the Valenti's. Our co-founder, John Valenti's son, Matthew, was also diagnosed with ALL and the families (and the two Matthews) met in the playroom at Johns Hopkins Children's Center. Both of the Matthews treatments will last until 2010 and hopefully they will be cancer free. Our last co-founder, Lisa Russell, watched as her father-in-law lost his battle with Leukemia. Our experiences have compelled us to act; we formed The Matthews Foundation to give back to the community by helping children in the same situation.

TMF is a non-profit 501(c)3 public charity which relies on donations from the public who want to make a difference in their communities and in the lives of those around them. We know first hand how difficult it is to cope with the financial burdens of caring for a critically ill child. No one should have to choose between paying their mortgage or saving their child's life.

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What is ALL Leukemia?

ALL is the most common form of childhood cancer. It affects lymphocytes, a class of white blood cells. ALL is a rapidly progressing disease that results in the accumulation of immature, functionless cells in the marrow and blood. The marrow often can no longer produce enough normal red blood cells, white blood cells and platelets. Leukemic cells accumulate in the bone marrow, replace normal blood cells and spread to the lymph nodes, central nervous system, and vital organs. If left untreated, the disease is fatal.

Facts:

- Leukemia is not contagious; childhood cancer is either environmental or from cells in the body that malfunction during the child's early growth.
- Each school day in the U.S., 46 children are diagnosed with ALL and about one in 300 children will develop cancer before the age of 20.
- Cancer remains the number one disease killer of America's children more than Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Asthma and AIDS combined.
- Although the 5 year survival rate is steadily increasing, one quarter of children will die 5 years from the time of diagnosis.
- 66% of the children who are diagnosed and treated for childhood cancers will have longterm side effects or late effects from either the cancer or, more likely, from the treatment.
- Many of these kids will be diagnosed with a secondary cancer by the time they reach the age of 45.

Treatment

The use of chemotherapy, or anti-cancer drugs, usually in combinations of two or more drugs, is largely responsible for the dramatic improvement in managing leukemia and lymphoma. Approximately 50 different drugs are now being used in the treatment of these diseases. Patients with leukemia, myeloma or lymphoma are usually treated with chemotherapy. Some patients with localized lymphoma may be treated with radiation therapy. Patients with ALL, or with large areas of lymphoma accumulation, or with special complications that are amenable to radiation therapy, may receive both primary chemotherapy and ancillary radiation therapy.

**This information has been provided courtesy of Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, Childhood Cancer Foundation and the National Cancer Institute.

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