

## News & Updates

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### Upcoming Activities

March 2022  
Symposium at  
[APOS Conference](#)

April, 2022  
11th Annual  
Toiletry Drive  
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May 15, 2022  
13th Annual  
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## Making Mattie Miracles

Each December, Mattie Miracle invites you to support our Annual Drive. In 2021, our supporters collectively donated **\$40,000** to the Annual Drive. We are deeply grateful to have the generosity of our steadfast supporters who are willing to stand behind our psychosocial mission.

### Over the last 12 years, together we have:

1. Raised over **\$1 million** to fund our psychosocial programs
2. Supported 35,000 children with cancer
3. Funded 4 [child life specialists](#)
4. Awarded \$100,000 in psychosocial [research grants](#)
5. Published the first evidence based [Psychosocial Standards of Care](#)
6. Sponsored the publication of the [Matrix and Guidelines](#) to help implement the Psychosocial Standards of Care
7. Offered 26,000 snacks to in-patient families
8. Donated 59,000 pounds of candy and 25,000 toiletry items to families
9. Introduced [House Resolution 262](#)
10. Added Psychosocial Language to the [STAR Act](#) (signed into law June 2018)

### In 2021, the Foundation had:

- 13 corporate sponsors
- 564 individual contributions
- 98 supporters of the Annual Drive
- \$155,000 raised to support our programs and initiatives

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## Spreading Hope Through Psychosocial Support <sup>SM</sup>



### Funding Direct Support

In December 2021, the Foundation donated **\$53,000** to Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD) to support our endowed **Mattie Miracle Child Life Program Fund**. This is our second endowed Fund we have established, as the first was created in 2011, at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (Washington, DC). To date, we have contributed over **\$400,000** to directly support children with cancer and their families.

### Spreading Hope

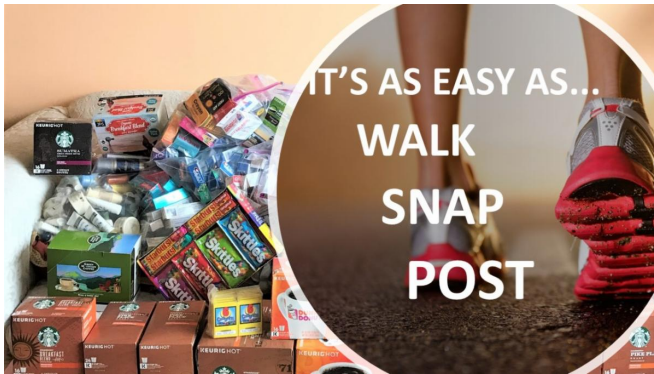
Mattie Miracle is proud to fund Adina Levitan, a **full-time child life professional** at Children's Hospital at Sinai in Baltimore, MD. Adina understands that childhood cancer IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE MEDICINE.

Certified Child Life Specialists implement an array of play-based, coping-focused techniques shown to ameliorate pain, lower anxiety, and reduce distress. Children demonstrate fewer behavioral disturbances during and beyond medical encounters when receiving comprehensive preparation, procedural support, and coping skills education, all of which are associated with accelerated healing.

In a six month time period, April to September 2021, we are proud to report that Adina directly assisted children and their families by performing **1,945 patient interventions**. The interventions fall within 10 categories, and the percentages indicate the number of children receiving each intervention:



Emotional Support - 18%  
Parent Support - 17%  
Normalization/Play - 16%  
Procedural Support - 16%  
Procedural Distraction - 15%  
Psychological Preparation - 8%  
Introduction to Services - 6%  
Sibling Support - 2%  
Therapeutic Play - 1%  
Diagnosis Education - 1%



## Get Involved

Looking for ways to support Mattie Miracle? Get involved in our **two upcoming VIRTUAL Community Events**:

- 1) Toiletry Item Drive (April 11, 2022)
- 2) Virtual Walk Challenge (May 15, 2022)

Our April Toiletry Drive helps to stock our **free snack and item carts** at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (Washington, DC), Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD) and The Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health (NIH, Bethesda, MD). Participating in our Annual Drive is easy. Check out our Amazon Wish List for specifics,

Don't miss our **13th Annual Virtual Walk!** The Walk raises funds to support our psychosocial programs and initiatives which assist children with cancer and their families. Are you interested in sponsoring our Walk or want more information about creating a Walk team? [Contact us!](#)

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