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Walking for the Cause

On May 18th, Mattie Miracle will be hosting its **16th Awareness Walk**. Being a virtual event enables our psychosocial message to reach far beyond our National Capital Area. The goal is to have participation from all 50 States and to raise \$50,000. **Our Virtual Awareness Walk helps us generate funds to support Mattie Miracle's psychosocial programs and initiatives.**

Walk with us on **May 18th** (10am to noon, in your time zone) and help us turn your neighborhood **Mattie Miracle ORANGE!**Participating in our virtual walk is easy: All you have to do is WALK, SNAP, and POST from ANYWHERE!!!!

WALK and track your steps (on May 18th, from midnight to noon in your time zone) using a step counter/activity tracker.

SNAP photos and take videos showing your Mattie Miracle ORANGE spirit and share it on our <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u> accounts. Be sure to use **#MMCFWALK**.

POST a photo of you with your total step count by noon (in your time zone) to Mattie Miracle's social media accounts or <u>email us</u>. Remember to use the hashtag #MMCFWALK.



Walkers with the most steps have a chance to win: 1st Prize: \$100 gift card

2nd Prize: \$75 gift card 3rd Prize: \$50 gift card

Register, purchase raffle tickets, and make a tax-deductible donation to the event, a walker, or a team.



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United with Us

We are deeply grateful to The US Senate Federal Credit Union for donating \$10,000 to the Foundation and being our Presenting Walk Sponsor. They are a bank with a heart who cares deeply about the health, well-being, and quality of life of children with cancer and their families. We are proud that they are part of our Mattie Miracle family and we look forward to our continued partnership.

Our Partners

Our 10 community sponsors make the Mattie Miracles possible. Thank you for helping us get closer to our \$50,000 financial goal! Together our partners have contributed **\$21,250** to this goal.





Funding Direct Psychosocial Support







Child Life

Mattie Miracle is committed to funding and increasing access to Child Life services. Since 2011, we have supported six different Child Life Specialists. Our Child Life Specialist at Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD), Emily Nosek, serves over 1,500 children and families a year. Child Life Specialists have the necessary education, skills, and abilities to make a verv frightening and stressful medical experience more manageable. In fact, we believe Child Life services are just as important as the medical treatment.

M&M Wishes

In 2021. Mattie Miracle launched its M&M (Margy & Mattie) Wishes Program in memory of our board member, Margy Jost. Margy was a fierce childhood cancer advocate who devoted her life to helping children with cancer. Margy was passionate about providing grants to families to create memories outside of the hospital experience. M&M Wishes offers families a grant of up to \$1,000 to support a fun activity, trip, or a wish list item for a child with cancer

Therapy Support

Our therapy support program grants children with cancer \$1,000 for therapy sessions with a licensed mental health provider within their community. Families face a host of mental health issues because of a childhood cancer diagnosis. Yet frequently families of children with cancer are referred out of the hospital system and into the community for support. The problem with this is it is very challenging for families to access such support because of financial difficulties.

To date we have:

- Donated over \$500,000 to support our child life program funds.
- Supported **1,500** children a year.
- Funded 6 different Child Life Specialists.

To date we have:

- Donated \$42,000 in Wishes.
- Granted 42 Wishes.
- Wishes awarded to children in 19 different States!

To date we have:

- Donated \$15,000 in Therapy Grants.
- Supported 8 children with cancer.
- Grants awarded to children in 7 different States!



\$5 Raffle Tickets

Mattie Miracle's online raffle is open! Tickets are only \$5. We are featuring 10 wonderful items. All raffle proceeds go toward our fundraising goal, which enables us to support our programs and initiatives.

Raffle winners will be announced on Mattie Miracle's Facebook page at 12:30pm EDT on May 18th. Items will be mailed to our winners.

Great prizes, benefiting a great cause!

Chance to Win \$400!

- 1. Nats Tickets
- 2. The Ultimate Device Apple Watch
- 3. Apple iPad
- 4. Money Tree
- 5. Wolf Trap Tickets
- 6. Wine Club Membership & Tasting
- 7. Designer Quilt Creations
- 8. Capitals Collectible
- 9. Making an Impression
- 10. For the Lego Lover



Our Orange Campaign



We have supporters in **18 out of 50 States** participating in our virtual Walk!
Our virtual event is a great way to get involved and support Mattie Miracle.

Show Your Spirit



Show your Mattie Miracle spirit on May 18, and wear our Foundation color, **ORANGE!** Help us spread the message that childhood cancer IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE MEDICINEsm.

Help us turn this entire map Mattie Miracle ORANGE! If you know people from the States not represented on this map, please encourage them to register for the Walk, purchase raffle tickets, or make a donation. Let's spread Mattie Miracle sunshine and our psychosocial mission in all 50 States.



Send us photos of you, family, friends, and even 4 legged buddies wearing orange on May 18. Photos can be emailed or posted on our social media platforms! Don't forget to use the hashtag, #MMCFWALK!

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