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Our Wish to You

We wish you a happy holiday season and the best of health and happiness in 2021. You play a vital role in our success and help to make the Mattie Miracles possible. We appreciate your continued contributions, your loyalty to the Foundation, and your commitment to our psychosocial mission. Thanks to you we are the only national non-profit, dedicated to PSYCHOSOCIAL awareness, advocacy, support, and research of childhood cancer.

Over the last 11 years, together we have:

1. Raised \$810,000 to fund our psychosocial programs
2. Supported 35,000 children with cancer
3. Funded 4 child life specialists
4. Awarded \$67,000 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)

Please contribute to our Annual Drive by clicking on the gift box. Your

tax-deductible donations make the Mattie Miracles possible.



2020 Highlights

As 2020 draws to a close, we reflect on this year's highlights and accomplishments. Together, with your support, we have made many Mattie Miracles possible.

1. Established a **\$10,000 Coronavirus Family Relief Grant Program** and donated \$2,000 in technology items to help bridge the communications gap between patients and families.
2. Funded the publication of the Psychosocial Standards of Care **Matrix and Guidelines**, a toolkit to implement the Standards at treatment sites around the country.
3. Testified before the **Committee on Childhood Cancers and Disability** (part of the National Academies of Sciences) in Washington, DC. Highlighted the physical and psychological impairments that arise from treatment.
4. Funded Psychosocial Standards of Care implementation **research grants**, totaling \$67,000 across 12 studies.
5. Endowed the Mattie Miracle Child Life Program Fund, by donating \$46,000 to support a **full-time child life specialist position**.
6. Operated the Mattie Miracle Free Snack & Item Carts for in-patient pediatric families at the MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (Washington, DC) and at Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD). The carts serviced over 1,500 families this year.
7. Held the virtual **11th Walk & Family Festival**, generating \$110,000 and with walkers from all 50 states and eight countries.
8. Coordinated two annual **community item drives** (candy and toiletries) to help stock our hospital Snack & Item carts.
9. Interviewed for the **Promise Docuseries on Childhood Cancer**, a production funded by the non-cancer community.
10. Hosted a virtual Psychosocial Standards of Care Research Symposium at the 17th annual **American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) Conference**.

Making Mattie Miracles Together

We are Grateful for You

We want to acknowledge the tremendous challenges this year has held for all of us. Many non-profits are struggling to stay afloat during COVID-19, which is why Mattie Miracle is grateful to have such steadfast supporters.

Thank you for standing behind our mission to assist children with cancer and their families for 11 years.

Mattie Miracle has **no paid staff** and therefore all contributions go directly to our programs and initiatives.

Please make a tax-deductible contribution today. Your contribution will help us meet the psychosocial needs of children with cancer and their families, as well as implement the Psychosocial Standards of Care, so that every child with cancer has access to optimal psychological and social support.

Best wishes this holiday season and thank you for your continued support.



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