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## Our 13th Year

Our 13th awareness Walk is a virtual event. Being virtual enables Mattie Miracle's message to reach far beyond our National Capital Area. **The goal is to have participation from all 50 States and raise over \$100,000.** Our virtual awareness Walk helps us fund Mattie Miracle's psychosocial programs and initiatives. All Walk proceeds go to the cause and are not used for overhead costs.

Join us on May 15 (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 15th, 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 Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram 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 [email us](#). Remember to use the hashtag **#MMCFWALK**.
- The top registered walkers with the greatest number of steps will win a prize.
- Rewards for participants who raise \$1,000 or more for the Foundation.

**Top walkers have the chance to win:**

## Giving

- 1st Prize for kids/teens: Fitbit or Apple AirPods
- 1st Prize for adults: Fitbit or Apple AirPods
- 2nd Prize: Fitbit Inspire 2
- 3rd Prize: \$50 Amazon Gift Card

## Research Grants

Supporting Innovation



Register, purchase raffle tickets, and support the event, a walker, or a team.

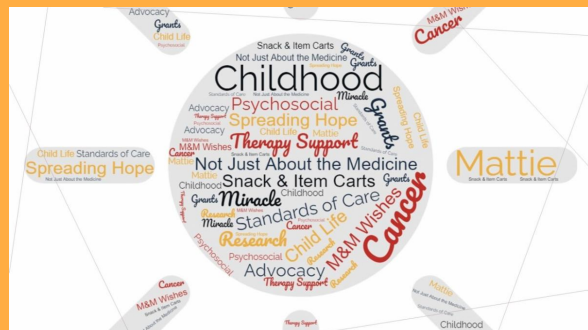
Walk with Us



It's Not Just About The Medicine. <sup>SM</sup>

## With Your Support, we have....

1. Raised over \$1M 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. Delivered millions of snacks and items to in-patient families through our 4 **Snack & Item Carts**
8. Awarded 5 **M&M Wishes**
9. Introduced **House Resolution 262**
10. Added Psychosocial Language to the **STAR Act** (signed into law June 2018)



## Amazing Supporters

Our 11th annual Item Drive, in honor of Mattie's 20th birthday, was a huge success.

The Foundation is **grateful to all our supporters who donated countless toiletry items to stock our Snack & 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 (Bethesda, MD).

Our Carts offer free items to over **2,500 families** a year. We are honored to be able to provide psychosocial comfort and care through our Snack & Item Carts, and we are grateful for the generosity of our supporters.

**Thank you to our community supporters who coordinated their own item drives for the Foundation:**

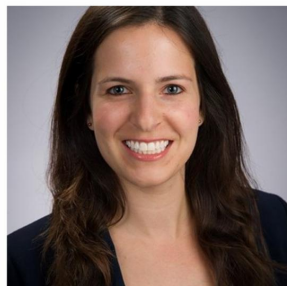
**American Heritage Girls (Troop VA1115)**  
**FH Furr**  
**National Charity League - Port City Chapter**

## We Love Our Sponsors

We are deeply grateful to **Children's Hospital at Sinai** and **Kearney & Company** for being our Presenting Walk Sponsors. All of our sponsors enable us to get closer to our \$100,000 financial goal! A special thank you to our 11 corporate sponsors. Together they have contributed **\$16,000** to our financial goal!



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## Funding Innovation

Mattie Miracle is proud to have funded the innovative research of Dr. Kim Canter since 2018. Kim is committed to the implementation of the Psychosocial Standards of Care and we are honored to have helped to support the development of her web based

intervention to support families of children with cancer. We invite you to read Kim's reflections on her Mattie Miracle grant and how this grant enabled her to qualify and obtain a major research grant.

### Reflections from Dr. Kim Canter:

"I am pleased to provide an exciting update about the Electronic Surviving Cancer Competently Intervention Program (eSCCIP), a web-based psychosocial intervention for parents and caregivers of children with cancer that I have been developing since 2015. The support of the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation has been extremely important as my program of research related to eSCCIP has grown over the past several years.

As the inaugural recipient of the **Mattie Miracle Early Investigator Award**, I was able to conduct a rigorous pilot test of eSCCIP in partnership with Inova Life with Cancer, a program of the



Inova Schar Cancer Institute. At the conclusion of this award, the Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation generously provided additional funding to develop a Spanish-language adaption of eSCCIP, helping to extend the reach of the program to a critical subset of parents who have been historically excluded from many research studies and intervention programs.

The work that I have been able to conduct with support from Mattie Miracle is closely aligned with the **Standards for Psychosocial Care** for Children with Cancer and Their Families. Additionally, this work helped to lay the groundwork for my **successful R01 grant** submission to the National Cancer Institute, funded in early 2022. This is a major research grant that will allow me to lead a multisite study to test the English and Spanish versions of eSCCIP at several pediatric hospitals across the United States. In addition to examining several important psychosocial outcomes, this award will also allow us to begin to explore possible cost savings of eSCCIP, an essential step in scaling up the intervention. This is an exciting and essential step in the process of extending the reach of eSCCIP to all parents and caregivers who might benefit from the intervention.

Generous support from Mattie Miracle has also helped me **attend national conferences** where I am able to share eSCCIP with the scientific community and discuss early findings from my pilot work. In April of 2022, after several long years of virtual conferences, I will be attending an in-person meeting of the Society of Pediatric Psychology and speaking as part of a panel about conducting psychosocial intervention work in pediatric oncology. I am also excited to present with other Mattie Miracle supported researchers at the 2022 virtual meeting of the American Psychosocial Oncology Society, and eagerly await the next time that we can gather in person.

On an additional personal and professional note, the Browns have become close colleagues and I am very fortunate to have their support and partnership as we work towards the shared goal of improving psychosocial care for children with cancer and their families. We have important future projects in the works, and I look forward to the next steps!"

## \$5 Tickets

Mattie Miracle's online raffle is open! We are featuring **eight wonderful items** this year, each valued at over \$500. All raffle proceeds go toward our fundraising goal, with 100% of the proceeds supporting our programs and initiatives. Raffle winners will be announced on Mattie Miracle's Facebook page at 12:30pm EDT on May 15th. Items will be mailed to our raffle winners.



**Great prizes, benefiting a great cause!**

1. Nats Tickets
2. Dine In or Around Any Town
3. Martha's Vineyard Getaway
4. Money Tree
5. Apple iPad
6. Escape to Wine Country
7. Dream Big Quilt
8. For the Lego Lover

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