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Pediatric Cancer Foundation (PCF) Programs & Support

Pediatric Cancer Foundation is unique in the way we function with our gifting. Our funds go directly to the projects with the doctors that we support. Each year the doctors request funds for either an ongoing or new and original enterprise and present the details to the Board. There is a contract to work within the confines and requirements previously agreed upon which requires an annual written report of the previous year and includes published material noting **PCF** as the sponsor.

Pediatric Cancer Foundation Projects 2012-2013



PCF support has offered a unique opportunity to introduce and advance new treatments for children with cancer. Clinical trials at a national level have studies in pediatric cancer, one that involves recurrent leukemia and another which provides new approaches to neuroblastoma therapy and offers clinical trials to children with high risk neuroblastoma who have failed prior therapy.



At *NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital* we continue the ongoing study of **PCFDTP (Pediatric Cancer Foundation Developmental Therapeutic Program)**, under the leadership of Dr. Julia Glade-Bender, which has made great strides. This evaluative program treats children from the entire NY Metropolitan area and this year a research nurse, in addition to supporting the current infrastructure, has been added to the program.



Also at *NewYork-Presbyterian Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital* laboratories led by Acting Director, Dr. Jessica Kandel, Dr. Robert Cowles, and Dr. Angela Kadenhe-Shiweshe, we have committed funds towards supplies and continuation of ongoing laboratory projects. The clinical trials based on the findings of Drs. Kandel and Yamashiro have entered the next phase of clinical testing for children with treatment-resistant cancers. We are excited to report that due to this research a previously wheelchair-bound patient is now able to walk. Much of this work has been published and shows **PCF** support.



At *Stephen D. Hassenfeld Children's Center for Cancer and Blood Disorders at NYU Langone Medical Center*, **PCF** supports a 3 year Hematology/Oncology Fellowship Program. A qualified fellow will be trained for the next generation as a dedicated scientist-clinician qualified and dedicated to the practice of comprehensive, compassionate, and research-driven care for children with malignancies and blood disorders. This year **PCF** has also committed to make available Pediatric Infusion Pumps necessary in the treatment of young patients.



At *Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center*, under the leadership of Drs. O'Reilly and Cheung (Director of the Solid Tumor Laboratory) we have committed funds towards the costs associated with the targeted therapy program. We provide funds to enable essential research and testing of immunotherapy in children with cancer. Our funding goes towards the production and translation of innovative treatment modalities such as fusion proteins and production, purification and data analysis of vaccines for clinical trials. This is not covered by insurance programs; the only way to produce these expensive supplies is by the support of groups such as **PCF**.



At *Steven and Alexandra Cohen Children's Medical Center of New York*, we continue to put funds towards a project headed by Dr. Jeff Lipton whose research explores AML (acute myeloid leukemia) relapse and the difficulties of treatment. With **PCF** support, a continued project to identify four of the six known Diamond Blackfan Anemia genes is ongoing. Dr. Lipton's goal is to develop a mechanism to determine which mutations in these genes give rise to malignancy.



At *Maria Fareri Children's Hospital at Westchester Medical Center*, we fund a program that was started about several years ago utilizing Alternative Complementary Medicine. Children battling cancer and enduring conventional cancer treatment such as chemotherapy, radiation therapy, bone marrow transplants and surgery struggle with pain, nausea, anxiety and depression. This is where nutrition and alternative therapies, Reiki, yoga and massage make a difference. By minimizing the unfortunate symptoms of treatment, new techniques help children and parents relax, feel better and become conscious of the many ways healing takes place.

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