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**\$67,000**  
in Research Grants

**12**  
Studies Funded

## Psychosocial Innovation

In 2015, Mattie Miracle funded the publication of the **Psychosocial Standards of Care** for Children with Cancer and Their Families. This was an historic publication that was created by a multidisciplinary team of over 80 health care professionals from the United States, Canada, and the Netherlands. The Standards are the **most downloaded publication** in *Pediatric Blood & Cancer* over the past five years.

The Standards provide an evidence based blueprint for the optimal psychosocial support children with cancer and their families should receive from the time of diagnosis, throughout treatment, into survivorship or end of life and bereavement care. Mattie Miracle is committed to seeing these Standards applied in practical ways at treatment sites across the country.

To facilitate the implementation of the Psychosocial Standards of Care, Mattie Miracle partners with the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (**APOS**) and the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Nurses (**APHON**). In tandem with these professional organizations, we offer **research grants**. Grants are awarded to investigators who address one of the 15 Standards of Care, with the intended outcome of producing a strategy, model, or intervention that will directly operationalize the Standards.

To date, we have supported **\$67,000** in research grants and funded

12 different studies. We invite you to read more about our grants and the innovative researchers we support.

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## Treats & More Treats

We want to thank you for contributing to our virtual Post-Halloween Candy Drive. Your donations make a huge difference in the lives of families caring for children with cancer. Candy donations keep our **Free Snack & Item Carts** stocked.

Mattie Miracle has put the treat into **Trick or Treating** at Children's Hospital at Sinai in Baltimore, MD! Adina, our child life specialist, assembled and distributed goodie bags filled with candy to all the children, their siblings, and family members on Halloween.

**THANK YOU** for helping us spread  
**CANDY CHEER!**



## Featured Research This Month



Memorial Sloan Kettering  
Cancer Center™

## Palliative Care

Mattie Miracle awarded an implementation grant of \$5,000 to **Dr. Marie Barnett** at **Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC)** in New York. This grant supported the development of standardized, disease-specific eligibility criteria and clinical care recommendations for early introduction to palliative care and ongoing **palliative care** utilization among eligible patients treated at MSKCC. Mattie Miracle is committed to spreading awareness about the benefits of early integration of palliative care in order to improve patient and family outcomes.

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## School Intervention

Mattie Miracle awarded an implementation grant of **\$5,000** to **Dr. Kathy Kirkpatrick** at **Nationwide Children's Hospital** in Columbus, OH. This grant piloted and evaluated the use of a new tool, the Brief School Needs Inventory (BSNI), to determine the level of academic need and assign newly diagnosed patients and long-term cancer survivors to one of three tiers of **school intervention** services. Mattie Miracle acknowledges the academic needs of children with cancer and is committed to supporting research that provides family caregivers with resources to manage their children's school challenges.



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## Bereavement Support

Mattie Miracle awarded an implementation grant of **\$2,500** to **Dr. Gillian Regan** at **Levine Children's Hospital** in Charlotte, NC. This grant supported the creation and the development of a manual for an on-line **bereavement support** group for parents whose children died from cancer. The study administered measures to assess for grief symptoms and post-traumatic growth in order to improve and enhance the on-line services provided. Mattie Miracle believes in advocating for the psychosocial needs of bereaved parents and for funding clinical interventions that decrease the risk for poor psychological and physical health outcomes.

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