



Bring on the Candy

Mattie Miracle and all its volunteers are getting ready for another successful Post-Halloween Candy Drive, running from November 1 to November 6. For seven years, Mattie Miracle has collected candy from Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, to distribute to **five local hospitals and five childhood cancer organizations**.

Mattie Miracle funds **two free snack and item carts** at both MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (Washington, DC) and Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD). Candy from this Drive provides a year's worth of sweet treats for our carts. It is hard for families to leave their child's bedside in order to meet their most basic of needs. Which is why our snack and item carts are deeply appreciated and considered a lifesaver by families.

Thanks to our volunteers, last year we collected and sorted over **10,000 pounds of candy**. Mattie Miracle can not do this without you. Come join the fun!!!

We welcome our NEW contributors to our Candy Drive:

1. Flint Hill Elementary School, Vienna, VA
2. The Harbor School, Bethesda, MD
3. Hooray for Books, Alexandria, VA
4. McKinley Elementary School -- Brownie Troop 555,

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UPCOMING EVENTS

November 6, 2017:
7th Annual Mattie Miracle Candy Drive

December 2017:
End of Year Annual Drive

May 20, 2018:
9th Annual Walk & Family Festival

- Arlington, VA
- 5. St. Joseph School, Herndon, VA
- 6. Leidos, Alexandria, VA
- 7. Privia Health, Arlington, VA

Click [READ MORE](#) to get involved in our Post-Halloween Candy Drive, see who is participating in this event, and find out where the candy is donated.

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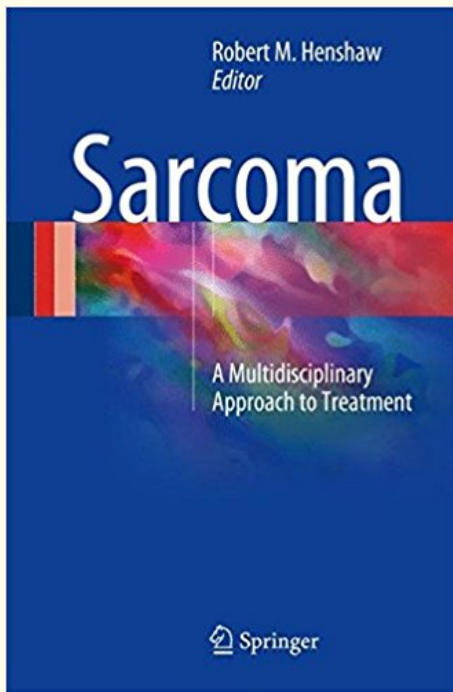
On October 12, Mattie Miracle participated in a panel presentation at the 49th Congress of International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP) in Washington, DC. SIOP is a global organization with over 1,000 members worldwide including doctors, nurses, other health-care professionals, scientists, and researchers.

Since 2012, Mattie Miracle has been committed to the development, publication, and now the implementation of evidence based [Psychosocial Standards of Care for Children with Cancer and Their Families](#). Mattie Miracle knows that childhood cancer is NOT JUST ABOUT THE MEDICINE, and comprehensive cancer care much include psychosocial support in order to achieve effective health outcomes. These evidence based Psychosocial Standards will ensure an optimal level of psychosocial care for children and families from the time of diagnosis, throughout treatment, into survivorship, or end of life and bereavement care.

Mattie Miracle served on a **panel entitled, *Implementing Psychosocial Standards of Care***. The Foundation was honored to present with [Dr. Mary Jo Kupst](#) (Medical College of Wisconsin), [Dr. Anne Kazak](#) (Nemours Children's Healthcare System), [Dr. Andrea Patenaude](#) (Harvard Medical School), and [Dr. Lori Wiener](#) (National Cancer Institute).

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Sarcoma Textbook Features the Importance of Psychosocial Care

Mattie Miracle is committed to expanding the message that effective childhood cancer treatment must include a discussion of not only the medicine but psychosocial care. It is counter productive to address only the medical and pharmaceutical aspects of care, since research clearly indicates that children and their families are impacted psychologically, socially, and emotionally from cancer treatment. When children and their families are optimally supported, better treatment outcomes and enhanced quality of life are the results.

One of the ways the Foundation can share its message about comprehensive cancer care is through publications such as *Sarcoma*. Chapter 18 is entitled, *Psychosocial Issues in Children with Cancer: The Role of Patient Advocacy and Its Impact on Care*. This textbook details how a multidisciplinary team can be organized, integrated, and utilized in the care of sarcoma patients. We are grateful that Dr. Robert Henshaw (the book's editor) invited Mattie Miracle to author a chapter and that he values the role psychosocial care must play in the lives of cancer patients,

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