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Spreading Candy Cheer

Mattie Miracle's Snack and Item Carts have been circulating around the halls of pediatric hospital units for a decade. These Carts meet the psychosocial needs of over **1,500 families** a year who are caring for children with cancer and other life threatening illnesses.

The Carts host a variety of items such as candy, nutritious snacks, drinks, and toiletries. The need for these Carts during COVID-19, has only increased as the Carts serve both families and the amazing health care providers supporting them.

Help us spread candy cheer by keeping our Carts stocked. Participating in our **VIRTUAL** Post Halloween Candy Drive is easy! You can purchase candy and other items through our Amazon Wish List or you can drop off candy at our Arlington, VA location. Candy **MUST** be in its store bought **vacuum sealed bags**, and received by **November 8!**

[Contact us](#) for more information.



Direct Support of Families

According to the Psychosocial Standards of Care, family financial hardship is a burden of childhood cancer treatment and this hardship negatively impacts family well-being. The need for financial support of the childhood cancer community is even greater during the Pandemic.

In April, Mattie Miracle established the **Coronavirus Family Relief Grant Program** at Children's Hospital at Sinai in Baltimore, MD. We donated **\$10,000** to the Hospital to directly support families facing financial hardships. With the long term financial impact of the Pandemic, families of children with cancer are facing job loss, a reduction in salary, housing concerns, and inadequate health insurance coverage.

Thanks to you, we are proud to report that our grants have helped families pay:

- medical bills
- mortgage bills
- utility bills
- rental bills

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Funding Innovation

In 2018, Mattie Miracle created an Early Investigator Research Grant program in partnership with the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS). To date, we have supported over **\$60,000** worth of innovative psychosocial research through APOS.

Early investigators are invited to submit a Letter of Intention for our 2020 grant cycle. **Two, \$10,000 grants** are available. Grants will be selected based on scientific merit determined by an APOS scientific review committee. In addition, other smaller grants will be offered by Mattie Miracle to applicants whose projects show great promise in developing a deliverable product and that directly align with the Foundation's mission.



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Raising Awareness

Mattie Miracle was contacted by Kelly Cross, a student at the **James Madison University**. Kelly is enrolled in an undergraduate class, which required her to select a non-profit of her choice. The assignment entailed learning more about the organization, interviewing one of its board member, writing a report, and presenting it to her class.

After a Zoom interview with Mattie Miracle's president, Kelly learned about the Foundation's mission, activities, and accomplishments. She expressed her amazement and said, "from my experience volunteering with non-profits, most tend to support local initiatives. Mattie Miracle not only helps children and families on the local level, but through the Psychosocial Standards of Care, the Foundation has the potential to change the cancer experience for EVERY child and family."

[Read Kelly's Article](#)

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