



Mattie Miracle CANCER FOUNDATION

Spreading hope through psychosocial support



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Mattie Miracle Walk & Festival

Date: Sunday, May 15, 2016

Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm

Location: St. Stephen's & St. Agnes Upper School,
1000 St. Stephen's Road, Alexandria, VA

Goal: To raise \$70,000 to support the Mattie Mirade Child Life Program Fund at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, to start up a second FREE snack/item cart for families caring for children in the hospital, and to fund the implementation phase of the Psychosocial Standards of Care project for childhood cancer. ALL WALK PROCEEDS go toward our programs, and not operational and administrative costs.

Walk Facts

We have raised over **\$58,000** so far and are 83% of the way toward our goal!!!

- Our sponsors have contributed in total over **\$23,000**:

ABOUT US



The **Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation** is a 501(c)(3)

Public Charity (EIN: 27-1238358), founded by Peter and Victoria Brown, in the loving memory of Mattie, their seven year-old son who passed away in 2009 after a 14 month battle with multi-focal osteosarcoma.

Mattie Miracle is dedicated to addressing the psychosocial needs of children and families living with childhood cancer as well as educating health care providers on the impact of such a diagnosis on children and their families.

To learn more about Mattie's life and his parent's grief process visit the [**Mattie Blog**](#).

Mattie Miracle Level

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Platinum Level

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[MedStar Georgetown University Hospital](#)

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Gold Level

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Don & Barbara Brown

Silver Level

[Goodhart Group](#)

[Ostendio](#)

Maria Bellanti

Junko Funahashi & Tad Ferris

Greg & Dawnee Giammittorio

Michael Jost

Attila & Ilona Lantos

Robin Robey-Porterfield

Gary & Marie Songstad

- We have 14 Walk Teams this year, who have raised over \$18,500. Currently, our **TOP FIVE Walk Teams** are:

[RCC Moms Rock](#)

[The Book Club](#)

[SSSAS 2020](#)

[Team Tilch](#)

[Leis' Luchadores](#)

- We have sold 404 raffle tickets and raised over \$2,000 in our [On-Line Raffle](#).
- [NEW THIS YEAR....](#) Corn Hole Tournament! Prizes include:

First Place: iPad Mini 2

Second Place: 2 Tickets to a Nats Game, 4 Tickets to a Potomac Nationals Game, and 10 Mattie Miracle Raffle Tickets

Third Place: \$25 Gift Card to the Great American Restaurant Company (Carlye, Sweet Water, Silverado), and 5 Mattie Miracle Raffle Tickets

Register for the Walk

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CORE OBJECTIVES

To advocate, educate, and enhance awareness of the psychosocial needs of children with cancer and their families.

To provide direct psychosocial support services to children with cancer and their families.

To create and implement a national psychosocial standard of care.

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Come check out our **9 great raffle baskets** in store for you this year! Raffle tickets are \$5 per ticket (on-line and at the event). Good luck and thank you for supporting Mattie Mirade!!! Click on the "buy a ticket" icon below to learn more.



ENDORSEMENTS

Several professional organizations have publicly announced their support and endorsement of the Psychosocial Standards of Care for Children with Cancer and Their Families!

APHON

ASSOCIATION of PEDIATRIC
HEMATOLOGY/ONCOLOGY NURSES

**Association of Pediatric
Hematology/Oncology
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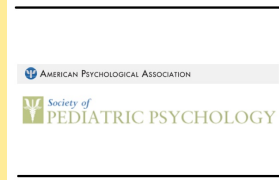


Recipients of The Bridge Award

On May 5, the Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Educational Specialists (APHOES) bestowed their Distinguished Bridge Award on Mattie Mirade at their National Conference in Memphis, TN. The APHOES Bridge Award recognizes the contributions of an individual or group whose work reflects the mission of APHOES: bridging the gap between hospital and school for children with cancer and blood disorders.

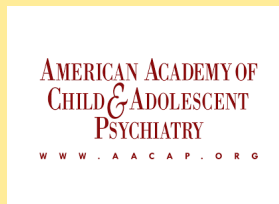
APHOES supports and honors the commitment and expertise of those who have had an impact upon the educational outcomes of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology patients. Individuals and groups outside of APHOES perform a wide range of critical roles that enhance the ongoing work of APHOES. They may advise, advocate, legislate, fund, discover, invent, and promote, in support of the goals of the organization.

Mattie Mirade was invited to deliver a keynote presentation at APHOES' Conference in May of 2014. After meeting the leaders of APHOES, Mattie Mirade believed they needed to be a part of the development of the Psychosocial Standards of Care. Specifically because children with cancer and their families face numerous school related issues throughout the trajectory of care. We are proud that Standard #11: Academic Continuity and School Reentry Support, is a part of the published [Psychosocial Standards of Care](#) and that it has the potential to direct more attention, research, and services to the educational concerns of children with cancer.



American Psychology Association's Society of Pediatric Psychology (Division 54)

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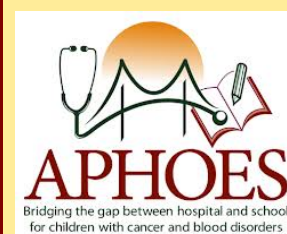
American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

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2015



Association of Pediatric Oncology Social Workers

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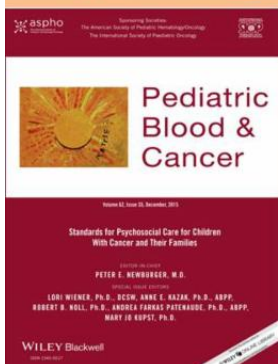
Association of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology Educational Specialists

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Over \$250,000 donated to meeting the psychosocial needs of children with cancer and their families!

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The National Children's
Cancer Society

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Where do the Walk Funds go?

The Mattie Mirade Walk & Family Festival is our largest public awareness and fundraising event of the year. The Walk generates over 85% of the budget we use to run our psychosocial programs that assist children with cancer and their families. Some of our activities include:

1. Providing the **Mattie Miracle Snack/Item Cart** at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, a cart that offers free snacks and toiletry items to families caring for children with life threatening illnesses. This cart serves OVER 1,500 families a year.
2. Created and endowed the **Mattie Miracle Child Life Program Fund** at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital. This fund has paid the salary of a child life specialist for the last five years. This professional assists 3,500 children and families a year.
3. Item Drives twice a year to stock the Snack/Item Cart. Our last candy drive collected over 7,500 pounds of candy, which was distributed to ten different hospitals and cancer organizations.
4. Funding the **National Psychosocial Standards of Care Project** for the last three years. These historic evidence-based standards define what children with cancer and their families must receive to effectively support their psychosocial needs from the time of diagnosis, through survivorship, or end of life and bereavement care.
5. Funding the **publication of the Psychosocial Standards of Care** in a top tier medical journal and paying for open access so the public can retrieve this document free of charge indefinitely.

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Upcoming Events

May 15, 2016 - 7th Annual Mattie Mirade Walk & Family Festival, Alexandria, VA

June 1, 2016 - [National Child Trauma Stress Network](#) Integrated Care Collaborative Group Webinar, First in the Series entitled, "Integrated Care Approaches to Traumatic Stress in Children with Chronic Health Conditions"

June 22, 2016 - [Coalition Against Childhood Cancer's Summit & Annual Meeting](#), Philadelphia, PA

July 2016 - Strategic Planning Meeting for Standards Implementation, Washington, DC

Fall 2016 - Psychosocial Standards Symposium on Capitol Hill