



NEWS & UPDATES

September 2018
Volume 9 - Number 8

EARLY INVESTIGATOR RESEARCH GRANT RECIPIENT

Kimberly Canter, Ph.D.



MATTIE MIRACLE IMPLEMENTATION GRANT RECIPIENTS



Marie Barnett, Ph.D.



Kathryn Kirkpatrick, Ph.D.



Kristin Long, Ph.D.



Alexandra Psihogious, Ph.D.



Gillian Regan, Ph.D.

\$33,700 in Research Grants

The Foundation launched a new research initiative this year that has been met with much excitement and success. We have partnered with the American Psychosocial Oncology Society (APOS) to create implementation grants. Grants to produce clinical tools and models that will enable the implementation of the **Psychosocial Standards of Care** at treatment sites around the country. We are thankful for APOS' willingness to collaborate with us and for their leadership and expertise in managing this grant program.

We want to congratulate our **six grant recipients**, each of whom have designed a study that will implement a different Psychosocial Standard of Care. Specifically, the studies will be addressing 1) psychosocial care for parents, 2) palliative care, 3) school re-entry, 4) psychosocial support for siblings, 5) medication adherence, and 6) grief and bereavement.

The **Mattie Miracle/APOS Early Investigator Award** is a distinguished honor granted to Dr. Kimberly Canter. Dr. Canter's research proposal was selected from an impressive group of 12 proposals by a scientific review committee. In addition, five **Mattie Miracle Implementation Grants** were selected by the Foundation based upon the caliber of the proposal and its ability to provide a deliverable outcome. Such tangible research is vital toward our mission to implement the Psychosocial Standards of Care.

[DONATE](#)

[ABOUT US](#)

[CFC #59853](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1 & 2, 2018
Bright IDEAS Training, Dallas, TX

November 5, 2018
Post Halloween Candy Drive to Stock Snack Carts

November 8, 2018
Bourbon & Bites Bash
Alexandria, VA

December, 2018
Annual Drive Campaign

February 28 - March 2,

Early Investigator Award

Kimberly Canter, Ph.D. (Nemours Center for Healthcare Delivery Science, DE) Study: Community Implementation of a Psychosocial eHealth Intervention for Parents of Children with Cancer.

Dr. Kimberly Canter is awarded \$10,000. Dr. Canter's mentor is **Dr. Anne Kazak**. eSCCIP (the Electronic Surviving Cancer Competently Intervention Program) is a brief, cognitive behavioral and family systems eHealth intervention for parents and caregivers of children with cancer. The recently funded study will be a community-centered pilot test of eSCCIP, in partnership with Life with Cancer in Northern VA, and will focus on evaluating intervention feasibility and acceptability, as well as key psychosocial outcomes (posttraumatic stress, anxiety, and family functioning).

2019

APOS Annual Conference
Atlanta, GA

April 8-10, 2019

APOSW Annual Conference
Phoenix, AZ

May 19, 2019

Tenth Anniversary
Walk & Family Festival
Alexandria, VA

Mattie Miracle Grant Recipients

1. **Marie Barnett**, Ph.D. (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, NY) Study: Team-based Integration of Palliative Care in Pediatric Oncology Practice: Implementing the Pediatric Psychosocial Standards of Care (\$5,000)
2. **Kathryn Kirkpatrick**, Ph.D. (Nationwide Children's Hospital, OH) Study: Evaluation of a tiered service model to support academic continuity and school re-entry for children with cancer (\$5,000)
3. **Kristin Long**, Ph.D. (Boston University, MA) Study: On the Outside Looking In: A Nationwide Examination of Barriers to and Facilitators of Implementing the Standard of Psychosocial Care for Siblings of Children with Cancer (\$5,000)
4. **Alexandra Psihogious**, Ph.D. (The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, PA) Study: Real-time Medication Adherence Assessments among Adolescents and Young Adults with Leukemia (\$5,000)
5. **Gillian Regan**, Ph.D. (Levine Children's Hospital, NC) Study: Life after death: A novel on-line support group for parents who have lost a child to cancer (\$1,257)

Click on the box below to learn more about these grants.

[Learn More](#)



Taking our Message to the National Mall

Every September, the childhood cancer community unites at Curefest on our Nation's Capitol Mall as one voice against childhood cancer. Thousands of people walk three miles around the US Capitol and the Washington Monument, network with each other, and raise awareness for the number one killer of children by disease in our country.

The highlight of the event is reconnecting with advocate friends as well as meeting new families from all around the country who are impacted by this disease. Our Mattie Miracle tent was hopping this year and we had the opportunity to interact with hundreds of people who shared their psychosocial story with us. We are grateful to everyone who visited us and we were thrilled to learn that families are aware of the Psychosocial Standards of Care. One recently bereaved mom, Linda, shared with us how our Standards inspired her teenage son, Charlie. She purposely came to find us at Curefest to tell us how the Standards are changing the way cancer care is being delivered.

Click the box below to learn more about our connection with Linda.

[Learn More](#)

Wiener, PhD



The Alan S. Rabson Award for Clinical Care was established in honor of National Cancer Institute Deputy Director, Dr. Alan S. Rabson, whose half-century of dedicated service stands as the epitome of clinical care at the National Institutes of Health.

The purpose of the award is to recognize outstanding clinical researchers who have demonstrated an exceptional commitment to assisting patients and their families who look to the National Institutes of Health for help. Recipients of this award exemplify Dr. Rabson's unwavering commitment to scientific and technical excellence, collaboration with colleagues, and provision of excellent, compassionate care for patients and those who love them.

Alan S. Rabson Award for Clinical Care

An Honor Well Deserved

Every year since 2012, the NIH Director's Award ceremony has included the Alan S. Rabson Award for Clinical Care. It goes to a deserving NIH clinician who demonstrates an exceptional commitment to assisting patients and their families at NIH. Dr. Rabson was known for his willingness to take the time to build a relationship with the patient and family and help them sift through clinical trial options.

On September 18, 2018, at NIH's Annual Director's Awards Ceremony, Dr. Lori Wiener was bestowed the prestigious Alan S. Rabson award. Lori is the co-director of the Behavioral Health Core and head of the Psychosocial Support and Research Program at the Pediatric Oncology Branch of the National Cancer Institute (NCI). She also is a co-founder and trustee of The Children's Inn at NIH, a nonprofit hospitality house located on the NIH campus that provides free lodging and support to pediatric clinical trial participants.

Lori was granted this award because of her long standing commitment and passion for providing psychosocial support to young patients and their families at the National Cancer Institute. Not only has she developed and spearheaded innovative resources that have become the psychosocial standard of care across the country, but she devotes her free time helping those in need. In fact, Lori has passed this joy of giving and serving onto her two children, who for the last 27 years can be found volunteering each holiday season at the Children's Inn.

Mattie Miracle is fortunate to know Lori as both the scientist/clinician and person. Without Lori's steadfast leadership, commitment, skills, and tenacity, Mattie Miracle's vision for the development of Psychosocial Standards of Care would never have come to fruition. What we quickly learned about Lori is that her multidisciplinary colleagues respect her greatly and value the significant effort she continues to provide to the creation and implementation of the evidence based Psychosocial Standards of Care. What is captivating about Lori is her genuine and authentic desire to connect with families who live with childhood cancer. We are deeply grateful that Lori wanted to learn about Mattie and she eagerly listened to our experiences coping with childhood cancer. In the process of working together since 2012, we developed a friendship. It is Lori's substance and character that shines through in her research, clinical work, and interpersonal relationships that make her unforgettable.

Click on the box below to learn more about Lori.

[Learn More](#)



It's Candy Time

Join us as we collect and sort post-Halloween candy during our 8th annual Candy Drive. We want to thank our returning volunteers, businesses, community groups, and schools.

Last year we collected over 12,000 pounds of candy! A good portion of that candy stocked our free Snack & Items Carts at MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (Washington, DC) and Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD). Candy is highly sought after and considered a sweet necessity to help families manage through the long hours of caregiving. Last year, candy was donated to:

1. Children's Hospital at Sinai, Baltimore, MD
2. Children's Inn at NIH, Bethesda, MD
3. Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC
4. DC Candlelighters Childhood Cancer Foundation, Merrifield, VA
5. Hackerman-Patz House, Baltimore, MD
6. HSC Pediatric Center, Washington, DC
7. MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC
8. Pediatric Specialists of Virginia (PSV), Falls Church, VA
9. Ronald McDonald House, Washington, DC
10. Ronald McDonald House, Falls Church, VA
11. Ronald McDonald House, Baltimore, MD
12. Special Love, Winchester, VA
13. Cornerstones, Reston, VA
14. Covenant House, Washington, DC
15. Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Reston, VA
16. Nourish Now, Rockville, MD
17. United Community Ministries, Alexandria, VA

NEW THIS YEAR

Due to the size of our Drive, we have decided to have a centralized candy drop off location, with set drop off times.

Drop off location: CubeSmart (2631 Shirlington Road, Arlington, VA)

Drop off dates and times:

- Saturday, November 3 (10am to 4pm)
- Monday, November 5 (10am to 4pm)
- Tuesday, November 6 (10am to 4pm)

- Wednesday, November 7 (10am to 4pm)
- Saturday, November 10 (10am to 4pm)

Click on the box below to become a volunteer.

[Join our Sorting Parties](#)

[Forward this email](#)

STAY CONNECTED



Mattie Miracle Cancer Foundation
is a GuideStar PLATINUM
Participant Charity

