



To Our Supporters

During this season of Thanksgiving, Mattie Miracle thanks our loyal contributors for standing behind the Foundation's psychosocial mission to support children with cancer and their families. Together we are changing the message that comprehensive cancer care must include psychosocial support, and that IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT THE MEDICINE SM.

Look at what we have accomplished together since 2011:

- \$500,000 raised to fund our services
- 25,000 children with cancer were supported
- 4 child life specialists were funded
- 20,000 families were helped
- \$40,000 awarded in research grants
- 40,000 pounds of candy provided
- 18,000 toiletries donated
- Published the first evidence based [Psychosocial Standards of Care](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December, 2018
Annual Drive Campaign

February 28 - March 2, 2019
[APOS Annual Conference](#)
Atlanta, GA

April 8-10, 2019
[APOSW Annual Conference](#)
Phoenix, AZ

May 19, 2019
10th Anniversary
Walk & Family Festival
Alexandria, VA



Bourbon & Bites was a Bash

On November 8, Mattie Miracle hosted its first Bourbon & Bites Bash, at a private home in Alexandria, VA. We want to thank the Keefe Family, [Jos A. Magnus Distillery](#), and our incredible host committee, for making the night a success. There were **87 attendees** and we raised **\$25,000**. Most importantly, we were able to share Mattie's story, our psychosocial mission, activities, and accomplishments with new supporters in the community.

Click on the box below to learn more about the event and to read the Co-Founders' greetings.

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15,000 Pounds of Candy Cheer

Psychosocial gifts come in all forms... CANDY included! Try **15,000 pounds or 7.5 tons** of candy to be exact. We are grateful to the Goldwater Family for donating their two story garage to host our 8th Annual Post-Halloween Candy Drive. A big thank you goes out to all our supporters for donating and sorting candy, and for helping us spread this sweet cheer around the Washington, DC region.

A significant portion of this candy was delivered to MedStar Georgetown University Hospital (Washington, DC) and Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD) in order to stock our free snack and item carts. The Mattie Miracle Carts serve over 3,000 families a year and provide sweet treats, nutritional snacks, drinks, and toiletry items to families caring for children who are hospitalized. Families find it challenging to leave their child's bedside to meet their own basic needs, therefore our Carts are vital in helping families feel supported and appreciated. Thank you for making these sweet psychosocial miracles possible.

This Year's Candy Recipients:

1. Children's Hospital at Sinai, Baltimore, MD
2. Children's Inn at NIH, Bethesda, MD
3. The Evan Foundation's Treats & Treasures Cart at Children's National Medical Center, Washington, DC
4. Hackerman-Patz House, Baltimore, MD
5. HSC Pediatric Center, Washington, DC
6. MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, DC
7. Pediatric Specialists of Virginia (PSV), Falls Church, VA
8. Ronald McDonald House, Washington, DC
9. Ronald McDonald House, Falls Church, VA
10. Ronald McDonald House, Baltimore, MD
11. Special Love, Winchester, VA
12. Cornerstones, Reston, VA
13. Covenant House, Washington, DC
14. Embry Rucker Community Shelter, Reston, VA
15. Nourish Now, Rockville, MD
16. Sasha Bruce, Washington, DC
17. St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth, and Families, Hyattsville, MD
18. United Community Ministries, Alexandria, VA

Click the box below to see the video highlighting our Candy Drive.

[Candy Drive Video](#)



Our Candy Donors

We are very grateful to have the support of **35 schools, 40 businesses and community groups**, and **hundreds of individual donors** who contributed to our 8th Annual Post Halloween Candy Drive. Why do we sort all donated candy? We do this for several reasons:

1. Sorting the candy helps to inspect and eliminate any inappropriate items.
2. Separating the candy by type enables the candy to remain fresher longer and prevents it from tasting the same when stored over a longer period of time.
3. Sorting and bagging the candy makes restocking our snack carts easier for hospital personnel.

Many of our candy donors host their own candy sorting parties in which students, colleagues, and friends gather together to sort the candy into Ziploc bags. This is an enormous help to Mattie Miracle volunteers who were inundated by our region's candy kindness.

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