

Cancer Kids Fund

Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

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Cancer Facts:

- ★ The peak age of cancer diagnosis among children occurs during the first year of life.
- ★ Between infancy and 15 years of age, cancer is the leading cause of death by disease among US children.
- ★ Children's diagnoses and treats more than half of all Minnesota pediatric cancer cases and 80 percent of the state's children diagnosed with hemoglobinopathies and bleeding disorders.

Cancer Kids Fund Program profile

The Cancer Kids Fund provides support, care and comfort to children and families coping with cancer or blood disorders at Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota. We help comfort sick kids, lessen fears and build new memories.

- ★ More than 1,400 children are being treated annually for cancer and blood disorders at Children's
- ★ The Cancer Kids Fund supports the **Integrative Medicine** approach at Children's, which blends conventional and complimentary therapies resulting in a personalized treatment plan for each child and family.
- ★ The Cancer Kids Fund supports **patient families** by providing family members with overnight accommodations, a family lounge, shower facilities, meals, debit cards, parking assistance, parent-to-parent programs, and other financial assistance.
- ★ The Cancer Kids Fund supports the **Pain and Palliative Care** program at Children's, the largest such program in the Western world, which provides care for children with pain and life limiting or terminal conditions in their homes.
- ★ The Cancer Kids Fund supports the **Infusion Center** at Children's by providing a comfortable setting for children to receive chemotherapy and other infusion treatments.
- ★ The Cancer Kids Fund supports **research** regarding the effects of cancer treatment on other health disorders and the research database used by staff to document all research related activities.
- ★ The Cancer Kids Fund supports **entertainment** for the children and their families, including holiday parties, videos, and DVDs. Zoomobile visits, movie passes, Science Museum visits and much more.
- ★ The Cancer Kids Fund supports **education** for children, families, and nursing staff, including educational materials, lectures and conferences.
- ★ The Cancer Kids Fund began in 1987 as a simple coin jar. Donors would toss in pocket change to help patient families pay for parking when they were at Children's Hospitals.
- ★ In 17 years, the Thank God for Kids gala has raised over \$7.4 million for the Cancer Kids Fund



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Please join us for the:

18th Annual Thank God For Kids Gala

Saturday, April 25, 2009, 6 PM at Milwaukee Road Depot, Minneapolis

More than 900 guests are expected at this year's gala, which is being presented by **Priority Courier Experts -Vanex and The Cossack Foundation**. Frank Vascellaro and Belinda Jensen will be the emcees for this event, which includes a jewelry raffle, silent and live auctions, dinner and dancing to The Sevilles.

Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

- ★ Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota is the sixth- largest children's health care organization in the United States, with 326 staffed beds at its two hospital campuses in St. Paul and Minneapolis.
- ★ Children's is an independent, not-for-profit health care system
- ★ We provide care through more than 13,000 inpatient visits and more than 200,000 emergency room and other outpatient visits each year.
- ★ Children's is the only Minnesota hospital system to provide comprehensive care exclusively to children.

★ For more information visit our website at: www.childrensmn.org/Giving/ThankGodForKids.asp ★