



DID YOU KNOW?

- Childhood cancers are the #1 disease killer of children — more than asthma, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined.
- One in every 330 children will develop cancer before the age of 19.
- The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) federal budget was \$4.6 billion. Of that, breast cancer received 12%, prostate cancer received 7%, and *all 12 major groups of pediatric cancers combined received less than 3%*.
- Childhood cancer is not a single disease, but rather many different types that fall into 12 major categories. Common adult cancers are extremely rare in children, yet many cancers are almost exclusively found in children.
- One out of every five children with cancer dies.
- Childhood Cancers are cancers that primarily affect children, teens, and young adults. When cancer strikes children and young adults it affects them differently than it would an adult.
- Cancer in childhood occurs regularly, randomly, and spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region.
- The cause of most childhood cancers are unknown and at present, cannot be prevented. (Most adult cancers result from lifestyle factors such as smoking, diet, occupation, etc.)
- Nationally, childhood cancer is 20 times more prevalent than pediatric AIDS yet pediatric AIDS receives four times the funding that childhood cancer receives.
- On the average, 12,500 children and adolescents in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer each year.
- On the average, one in every four elementary schools has a child with cancer.
- On the average, every high school in America has two students who are a current or former cancer patient.
- In the U.S., about 46 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer every single school day.
- While the cancer death rate has dropped more dramatically for children than for any other age group, 2,300 children and teenagers will die each year from cancer.
- Today, up to 75% of the children with cancer can be cured, yet, some forms of childhood cancers have proven so resistant to treatment that, in spite of research, a cure is elusive.
- Several childhood cancers continue to have a very poor prognosis, including: brain stem tumors, metastatic sarcomas, relapsed acute lymphoblastic leukemia, and relapsed non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ❖ Make copies of this information and share it with friends, family and coworkers
- ❖ Volunteer at a local childhood cancer center or children's hospital
- ❖ Assist a family being impacted by childhood cancer
 - Bring them dinner
 - Drop off groceries
 - Offer to babysit so dad and mom can go out
 - Anonymously send a gas card, or gift cards to local grocery stores
 - Send them a card or a brief note letting them know you're thinking of them
 - Mow their lawn or clean their house
- ❖ Let a family of an angel know their child remains in your heart
- ❖ Donate blood: givelife.org
- ❖ Register to become a bone marrow donor: marrow.org
- ❖ Participate in a fundraiser benefitting a childhood cancer organization or foundation
- ❖ Visit www.SuperBub.org & www.GoldTheNewPink.net to learn more