



CANCER AND BLOOD DISORDERS PROGRAM



# FOR Cancer's Youngest Fighters

The Roswell Park Oishei Children's Cancer and Blood Disorders Program is a collaboration with Kaleida Health's John R. Oishei Children's Hospital and Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center.

## About the Program

As one of only three programs of its kind available nationally, the Roswell Park Oishei Children's Cancer and Blood Disorder Program offers pediatric cancer and blood disorder patients the expertise of a joint program based at a NCI-Designated Comprehensive Cancer Center, as well as the benefits of a state-of-the-art, freestanding children's hospital. Within this program, patients and families in our region benefit from coordinated oncology and hematology care, including diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and survivorship care; care for sickle cell disease and disorders of the blood clotting system; blood and marrow transplants; access to new and emerging diagnosis and treatment approaches, including psychosocial oncology, child life care, social work and nutritional counseling; and so much more.



"Before Roswell Park and Kaleida Health came together, unfortunately, a good percentage of our patients had to leave the area for some of the specialized care that's particularly important for children with cancer," said Kara Kelly, MD, director of the Roswell Park Oishei Children's Cancer & Blood Disorders Program.

**"I wish more people understood that they don't need to leave the area to receive cutting-edge care."**

There's no need to go to a big-city hospital miles away, leaving behind other children or taking extended leave from work. The expertise your child needs in cancer care is here, locally."

Our care team could not do a fraction of their expansive work without **philanthropy**. Donations allow our team to perform studies on new treatments, paving the way for additional funding. As it stands, the national agency responsible for researching cancer allots only 4 percent of their budget to pediatric cancer, leaving a large gap that is filled through philanthropy. Combined with OCH's commitment to treating every child that walks through our doors, even those with low-reimbursement like Medicaid, philanthropic support is needed to help OCH keep treating *all* of our community's youngest fighters.

**“Every dollar is making a difference in helping us be able to bring these life-saving therapies to this really critical group of patients.”**



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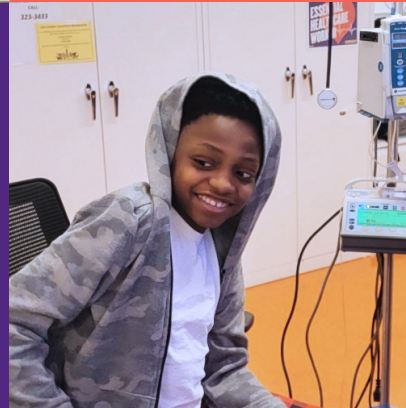
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oncology/hematology  
inpatient stays  
in 2023



80%

of our pediatric  
oncology patients see  
full remission



7

cutting-edge bone  
marrow transplants  
performed to date



### Support of this program is **FOR** kids like Hannah

When Hannah suddenly began to experience pain in her elbow, her parents and her doctor figured that she had injured it somehow. Not long after Hannah's pain began, she became sick and had a fever. And then she stopped eating. Doctors at OCH soon found the cause of her symptoms – Hannah had lymphoblastic leukemia. **Today, Hannah continues to receive treatment for her diagnosis at OCH. As a two-year process, she's still going strong!**

**“It's tough. Nobody wants to see their kids go through that kind of thing, especially being so young. But I knew, being here, we're in the best area we could be.”**  
- Hannah's dad, Jason