

Emma Jordon Kidz Fighting Cancer Foundation

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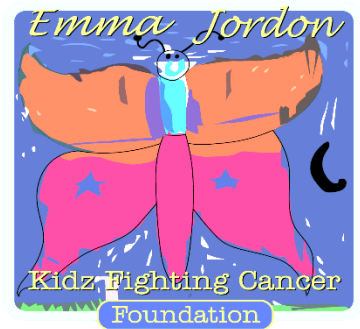
Dear Religious Education Families,

In 2007, our world was turned upside down when our daughter, Emma, was diagnosed with Wilms Tumor, a form of kidney cancer. Emma was 5 ½ years old and a kindergartener at Silverbrook Elementary. She received treatment at Walter Reed Army Medical Center and Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C. as she fought for a year and a half before passing away on September 18, 2008. If Emma were alive today, she would be a Senior at South County High School. In 2009, we started the Emma Jordon Kidz Fighting Cancer Foundation in her memory. Over the past nine years, we have granted over \$52,000 to childhood cancer research, organizations that care for families fighting cancer and the pediatric cancer families at the Walter Reed National Military Medical Center.

Religious Education classes will be collecting donations to support childhood cancer research and the families fighting pediatric cancer from October 28- November 6.

Thank you for your generosity and your prayers,

Steve and Elena Jordon, Church of the Nativity parishioners



CHILDHOOD CANCER FACTS-DID YOU KNOW :

- **Childhood Cancer is the #1 killer of American children by disease under the age of 19- more than all other childhood diseases combined.**
- **Every day 43 children in the U.S. are diagnosed with cancer- over 15,000 per year.**
- **1 in every 285 U.S. children will develop cancer before their 20th birthday; 1 in every 5 of these children will die at the average age of 8 years old.**
- **Childhood cancer rates have increased by 24% over the past 40 years.**
- **There are more than 12 major types of childhood cancer and over 100 subtypes.**
- **Only 4% of all Federal government cancer research funding goes to study pediatric cancer- *childhood cancer non-profit organizations are critical.***
- **In the last 20 years, only 4 cancer treatments have been specifically developed and approved for children.**
- **Childhood treatments require very different drugs than adult protocols, yet most use a variation of adult drugs due to a lack of research and trials.**
- **Because of the treatments they had as children, more than 99% of childhood cancer survivors with have a chronic health problem and 96% will have severe or life-threatening conditions.**

**Awareness + Funding + Clinical Research +
New Drug Development + Trials =
*Our Children's Lives Saved***