CHILDHOOD CANCER

BY THE NUMBERS
A LOOK AT THE FACTS AND FIGURES BEHIND THE DEVASTATING DISEASE

EVERY YEAR, AN ESTIMATED 250,000+
NEW CASES OF CANCER AFFECT CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 20 WORLDWIDE.
THAT’S ALMOST 700 NEW KIDS AFFECTED EVERY DAY.

EVERY DAY, APPROXIMATELY 250 KIDS AROUND THE WORLD DIE FROM CANCER

91,250 KIDS LOSE THEIR LIFE TO CANCER EVERY YEAR

CHILDHOOD CANCER OCCURS REGULARLY, RANDOMLY AND SPARES NO ETHNIC GROUP, SOCIOECONOMIC CLASS, OR GEOGRAPHIC REGION.

CHILDHOOD CANCER IS NOT JUST ONE DISEASE. IT IS MADE UP OF A DOZEN TYPES AND COUNTLESS SUBTYPES.

THE CAUSES OF MOST CHILDHOOD CANCERS ARE UNKNOWN AND ARE NOT STRONGLY LINKED TO LIFESTYLE OR ENVIRONMENTAL RISK FACTORS, UNLIKE MANY ADULT CANCERS.

ONE IN 285 CHILDREN IN THE U.S. WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH CANCER BY THE TIME THEY ARE 20 YEARS OLD.

TWO-THIRDS OF CHILDHOOD CANCER PATIENTS WILL HAVE LONG LASTING CHRONIC CONDITIONS FROM TREATMENT.

DESPITE THESE FACTS, CHILDHOOD CANCER RESEARCH IS VASTLY AND CONSISTENTLY UNDERFUNDED.


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