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Key Biscayne woman helps kids with cancer

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Student Volunteer Caroline Pesch, beneficiary Karyna Diaz and Ana Ramoski, volunteer and fundraiser for Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation.

When Key Biscayne resident Ana Ramoski began her fundraising involvement with Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation she finally found a way to help children and families with extreme needs.

Born and raised in Miami, Ramoski has been donating her time for JJCCF since 2007. In events she holds throughout the year at her home, she helps children in JJCCF's Advocacy Program. She has raised over \$8,000. "I've been wanting to get involved with a charity for a long time and when I heard about Jessica June it was exactly what I was looking for," Ramoski said. "Working with this organization has really touched my heart as you know who you're helping, you get to meet the children and their families, hear their stories and there's an immediate connection. JJCCF is an organization with a face."

The children fighting cancer and their families exceed JJCCF limited resources to assist them. JJCCF has already provided each of these families with emergency financial assistance for basic human needs, which is significant, but not sufficient. Families in the Advocacy Program get direct support from the community as they struggle to survive a temporary crisis.

Ramoski recently held her birthday party with 70 people in attendance and the event raised more than \$3,500. Sponsors included planner The Party Girl; Cupcake Love Miami, Miller's Ale House, and Aqua Florals. The funds were distributed to four children fighting various forms of cancer at Miami Children's Hospital, Palms West Hospital and Broward Health Medical Center. Funds help cover urgent needs such as rent, mortgage, FPL, phone, car repair, gas cards and grocery gift cards.

"Everyone can make a difference and impact the community we live in," said Sandra Muvdi, president of JJCCF. "What Ana accomplished to benefit various local children fighting cancer was significant. I hope this story will inspire others to do the same."

For more on how to get involved, visit www.JJCCF.org or call 954-593-5603.