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Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation/Advocacy program

FROM:

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RE:

**Javaris Cox** 

DATE:

September 25, 2014

Javaris Cox is a 16 year old young man who, for the last four years has been battling brain cancer. He underwent an autologous stem cell cell transplant two years ago and was relatively well until recent medical tests revealed evidence that his cancerous brain umor had recurred, putting Javaris back in chemotherapy treatments. Javaris lives with his grandmother, Bernice Harris, who has been his caretaker and guardian for most of his life. The Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation was kind enough to assist Javaris and his grandmom with some financial assistance in the past. As Javaris' hospital social worker, I ask that Javaris be considered for enrollment in the foundation's Advocacy Program.

Javaris and his grandmother now live in Pompano Beach, which is some distance from our medical center where the patient is receiving his specialized cancer treatments. Formerly, they lived in Miami and close to the hospital. The grandmother's car broke down and is unrepairable, thus forcing her to travel by public transportation whenever Javaris is hospitalized, which has been often since his recurrence in May of this year. Whenever patient has prolonged hospital admissions, Javaris' SSI check amounts to approximately \$30 per month. Needless to say, grandmom is financially struggling to make ends meet.

I thank you in advance for considering enrolling this patient into your Advocacy program for some possible financial assistance via your website. Please let me know if you are in need of any further information.