

TO: JJCCF Advocacy Program

FROM: Rolando Tabares, LCSW, CCM  
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RE: Jhavid Johnson

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Jhavid Johnson is a 17 year old young man who is currently battling Osteosarcoma of the left proximal tibia. He arrived from his native Jamaica with his mother last year, seeking specialized medical care which was not available for him in his country. Jhavid was enrolled in a treatment protocol which included intensive chemotherapy as well as limb salvaging surgery. Jhavid underwent surgery in October of last year and he continues with scheduled cycles of chemotherapy.

The patient is doing remarkably well, something we are all very happy about! Your wonderful organization was able to assist Jhavid and his mother some time ago and, for that, I'd like to express my gratitude. By way of this plea, however, I would like to ask that you enroll Jhavid in your Advocacy Program. As you can very well appreciate, Jhavid's mom, Donna Johnson, a single parent, has needed to obtain an extended medical leave of absence from her job in Jamaica and is basically using her personal savings to pay for Jhavid's medical expenses as well as personal expenses incurred while they remain in Miami. Both Jhavid and mom are lodged at the Ronald McDonald House. The patient is insured with Florida Healthy Kids, with a monthly premium of \$153. Ms. Johnson also has outstanding bills from both Jackson Hospital and the University of Miami Health System (see attached bills) from the time Jhavid was not yet insured.

I hope that, by enrolling Jhavid in the Advocacy Program, that some donations may be possible to assist Jhavid's mom with some of these bills. I thank you all so very much!