



TO: JJCCF Advocacy Program

FROM: Rolando Tabares, LCSW, CCM

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RE: Kaiden Balfour

Kaiden Balfour is a bright, socially engaging young man of 5 years who has been struggling with leukemia for most of his life, having been diagnosed in 2009. Kaiden lives in Exuma, Bahamas with his mother, Lorraine Elizabeth Pratt. Part of Kaiden's chemotherapy treatments were done at Miami Children's Hospital, however he was referred to us given his need for a bone marrow transplant as the only viable means to save his life. Though the International Kids Foundation/Wonderfund, Kaiden and his mom were admitted in our medical center and Kaiden was able to undergo his transplant earlier this year.

Kaiden's mother, a single mother who works at a bank in Exuma, has basically uprooted herself from her work, family as well as social life in Exuma to come to Miami with her child. The JJCCF generously assisted the mom to assist in covering some of her expenses some time ago. This assistance was of great help to her, one she very much appreciates. However, due to multiple post transplant complications, Kaiden remains in the Pediatric Bone Marrow Transplant unit and his discharge from the hospital is not known and a predicted date of Kaiden's return back home to Exuma is impossible to give.

For this very reason, as his social worker, I appeal to JJCCF to please consider Kaiden for the Advocacy Program. As you can appreciate, personal bills and expenses are ongoing and, with no steady or significant income, Kaiden's mother is experiencing true financial distress. Mom has been relying on financial supports from family and friends, however, any help your wonderful organization can provide for her through the Advocacy Program would be so very much appreciated!