

Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation Advocacy Program Letter

Kasie Baldwin (DOB 10/08/10) is a four year-old pediatric oncology patient at Chris Evert Children's Hospital/Broward Health Medical Center. Kasie was first diagnosed with medulloblastoma in October 2014. At that time she underwent surgical resection of her brain tumor and started chemotherapy treatment. She was hospitalized from 10/2/14-11/5/14 and her mother, Cecilia never left her side. At this time, Kasie continues to undergo chemotherapy for her diagnosis, which occurs in both the inpatient and outpatient setting several times per month. When she is not receiving chemotherapy, her mother must bring her in to monitor her condition and blood cell counts. She requires home health care to assist with injections at home. Kasie has also completed craniospinal radiation treatment.

Kasie's diagnosis and subsequent treatment has caused her to lose her ability to walk and function in her normal daily activities. She requires care around the clock, which is provided by her mother. Kasie has been receiving physical and occupational therapy to regain mobility. Kasie's mother has been supporting her daughter throughout this process and she is slowly recovering. Cecilia, a single mother, was working full time at a school prior to diagnosis, but she has had to take a leave from her employer due to her daughter's diagnosis. She is in need of assistance with living expenses including rent, utilities, gasoline, and groceries. Any support possible would assist this family in returning to a sense of normalcy as Kasie recovers. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Social Worker