

To:

JJCCF Advocacy program

From:

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Date:

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Re:

Luciana Triggiano

Luciana Triggiano is a 2 year old girl from Venezuela with a history of Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL), diagnosed last year and, most recently found to have relapsed disease. Luciana had traveled with her mom around mid-January of this year to go on a pleasure trip to Disney World when, shortly after her arrival in Miami and while staying with some local friends, she developed fevers and was brought in to our ED and eventually admitted where it was confirmed that she had relapsed.

Luciana is now undergoing chemotherapy treatments once again with the hope of getting her into remission once again. Her only possible cure, however, is a bone marrow transplant. Being a non- US citizen, Luciana does not have the possibility of being insured here and her mother has indicated that returning home to Venezuela is not an option, given the medical crisis that country is going through at this time and mom's political ties with the Venezuelan opposition movement though her job as a journalist, makes returning to Venezuela and asking the government medical help for Luciana next to impossible.

As Luciana's social worker, I am referring the case for the JJCCF's Advocacy program for her story to be posted in your website. Thank you so very much for the opportunity to give Luciana a fighting chance!