

To:

JJCCF Advocacy Program

From:

Rolando Tabares, LCSW, CCM

Re:

Yanella Lopez Fuentes

Date:

April 13, 2016

Yanella Lopez Fuentes is a playful, sociable 6 year old girl with a history of ALL (Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia), diagnosed and initially treated in her home country of Peru in March of last year. After being in remission for several months, Yanella's disease returned. Her hematologist in Peru informed Yanella's mom that the next step would be to, once again, her to remission and immediately a bone marrow transplant. Given that Yanella is an only child, the possibility of a sibling related transplant was out of the question. Peru does not perform unrelated bone marrow transplants; therefore, it was necessary to explore options outside Peru.

Luckily, both Yanella and her mother are naturalized US citizens (mom had lived in USA years ago and had eventually returned to Peru where Yanella was born and was able to get dual citizenship). They traveled to South Florida where a friend of the mother lives. Eventually Yanella was admitted to Jackson's Holtz Children's Hospital, where she remains today.

Yanella's mother is a high school math teacher back in Peru and had to give up her job in order to travel to this country seeking specialized medical care for her child. Yanella's biological father is not involved and, as per mom, has never displayed interest in helping mom with Yanella's medical care in any way.

Presently, both Yanella and her mom are awaiting availability of lodging at the Ronald McDonald House. I ask that you consider helping this needy family in any way possible. Following bone marrow transplant, Yanella will need to remain in Miami for at least one year. Thank you so kindly!

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