

Dear Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation,

Patricio is a 15-year-old boy that was diagnosed with neuroblastoma in March 2018. He and his family are originally from Ecuador, where Patricio was originally diagnosed. Patricio had been receiving treatment back home but it appeared his tumors were not responding well and he had many lesions in his vertebrae, bone marrow, and spinal cord. His doctors in Ecuador at that point thought they should stop this treatment and start palliative efforts. This is when the parents decided they would not give up on Patricio and began their search for alternative options.

Patricio, his parents, and his younger sister arrived in Miami in January 2020, just months before the pandemic hit. They left absolutely everything behind. With no family here in the U.S. and no option to return back home, Patricio's family found themselves in a frightening position. Throughout their time here, they have been lodging in a hotel. The parents have been unable to work and have received support along the way from local oncology foundations like Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation and others. The family needs assistance now more than ever with food, transportation, and lodging.

Patricio continues on in his battle against neuroblastoma and his parents are always by his side. We kindly ask that you help this family in any way possible. It will mean more than you know to them. Thank you to all those who open their hearts in support of Patricio and his family.

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Kind regards,

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