



Craig Dennis Jr., Craig Dennis Sr.,  
Monique Dennis and Cara Dennis

## Donation From The Wasie Foundation Helps Homeless Family With Toddler Fighting Cancer

The Wasie Foundation — an independent philanthropic organization that provides grants and support to Broward County non-profits focused on children's healthcare — has awarded a \$25,000 grant to the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation (JJCCF).

It couldn't have come at a better time for 3-year-old Cara Dennis and her family, who have been living at the Ronald McDonald House near Broward General Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale.

"The family had fallen on hard times and needed assistance with basic necessities," said Sandra Muvdi, president/founder of the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation. "When you are the parents of a sick child, the last thing you should have to worry about is having a place to live and something to eat."

The grant from The Wasie Foundation enabled JJCCF to provide Cara and her family with funds for basic human necessities such as electricity, phone, car insurance, gas and groceries.

"The JJCCF has helped my family tremendously," said Monique Dennis. "We had immediate financial needs and the Foundation helped us with professionalism and empathy. The JJCCF is a true asset to the community and an empowerment center for those families who are overcoming cancer."

Cara has Stage IV neuroblastoma, a cancerous tumor that begins in the nerve tissue of infants and young children. In the United States, approximately 650 children are annually diagnosed with the disease. It is often present at birth, but not detected until the tumor begins to grow and compress the surrounding organs.

At Stage IV, the illness has metastasized to distant lymph nodes, bone marrow, liver, skin, and/or other organs. The illness, however, has done nothing to hurt her spirit.

Gregg Sjoquist, JJCCF Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of The Wasie Foundation, said there are many families who face similar adversity in these challenging economic times, and it is up to organizations like JJCCF to help.

For more information about the Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation, go to [www.jjccf.org](http://www.jjccf.org).