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Dear Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation,

Matilde is a 6-year-old girl who was diagnosed with osteosarcoma. Her story is one of many little miracles. Matilde came to us at the end of 2022 after a last wish to go to Disney turned away. She came with many complications and a large mass that caused her incredible discomfort. Matilde is originally from Ecuador and arrived with her aunt because her parents had not been able to obtain visas to come and be with her. Just prior to her coming to Miami, the family had received the heartbreaking news that nothing else could be done for Matilde. She was in the hospital here for 3 months with only her aunt at bedside, which made the journey for Matilde so much harder.

Throughout the admission, it was determined that the best way to give Matilde a chance was to amputate her arm. Her family made the difficult decision to move forward with it. During all of this, Matilde wished and wished for her mother to be with her. With the help of very beautiful organizations/people, this dream came true and Matilde was able to be reunited with her mother.

Matilde continues to fight on. She cannot return to Ecuador, as we know the treatments she needs are not available to her there. Her mother and her are here alone. Her treatment demands and having no other possible caregivers means mom cannot work. Her family in Ecuador does not have the funds to maintain them here. They struggle most with covering expenses like food, household items, gas, and car insurance. Any assistance for this family would be so greatly appreciated. They are a humble family in true need of continued kindness and support.

Kind regards,

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