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**CANCER SUPPORT COMMUNITY**

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Dear Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation,

My name is Linda Tiga Hernandez, I am a social worker at Gilda's Club South Florida. The purpose of this letter is to share with you Valeria's story.

Valeria is a 16 year old diagnosed with Hodkin's Lymphoma in July 2023. Since the diagnosis, she has been receiving treatment at Joe DiMaggio Children Hospital. Despite the diagnosis, Valeria has been able to remain in school and have some sort of normalcy in her day to day. Valeria reported that she has not experience much impact physically or side effects which allows her to cope better. However, Valeria's mom is a single parent who has been trying to navigate medical care for her daughter's diagnosis. They have experienced different barriers such as almost losing Valeria's Medicaid, financial difficulties, transportation and emotional impact of the diagnosis.

I believe this family can benefit from Jessica June Children Cancer Foundation support to reduce the financial burden and toxicity this family is experiencing due to the recent Cancer diagnosis.

Please feel free to contact me in case you need further information at [linda@gildasclubsouthflorida.org](mailto:linda@gildasclubsouthflorida.org) or 954-763-6776 ext 215.

Sincerely,

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