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Dear Jessica June Children 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 Elizabeth's story and why her family could benefit from the help at JJCCF.

Elizabeth is a 9-year-old girl diagnosed with PreB-Cell acute lymphoblastic Leukemia. She was diagnosed in December 2023 and since then Elizabeth has been hospitalized multiple times, one of them lasting approximately one month. Due to the diagnosis, her mother needed to resign from her employment to become Elizabeth's full-time caretaker. This resulted in the family needing to rely solely on the father's income, which fluctuates month to month due to the dynamic nature of his occupation as a handyman.

Mom has described Elizabeth as a happy girl who previously enjoyed going to school and playing with her peers. However, due to the complications and side effects she has experienced, Elizabeth has had difficulty with her mobility resulting in her currently requiring a wheelchair to assist with her daily mobility to allow her to be more comfortable. Additionally, the diagnosis has unfortunately impacted Elizabeth's self-esteem and socialization as well.

Mom reached out to Gilda's Club to connect Elizabeth to our Children's Support Programs as well as to receive support navigating financial resources. Since the diagnosis and her mom having to resign from her previous employment, the family has struggled to meet necessity needs such as paying their monthly mortgage, utility bills, transportation, and other daily living expenses.

I believe this family can benefit from the financial assistance to decrease their financial struggles and burden. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Linda Tiga Hernandez, MSW

Gilda's Club South Florida, social Worker