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Dear Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation,

This letter is on behalf of Ana Vasconcelos Miranda. Ana is a 5-year-old Pediatric Oncology patient at Salah Foundation Children's Hospital at Broward Health Medical Center in Ft. Lauderdale, FL. Ana was first admitted to the hospital on June 17, 2024 due to a mass in her abdomen which was causing pain and swelling. After a few harrowing days, Ana's family was told this mass is a type of pediatric cancer, rhabdomyosarcoma.

Ana's family has been informed that this diagnosis carries a poor prognosis. They are extremely concerned about the course Ana's disease is taking. Throughout the process, her family has remained strong by relying on their faith and each other. The treatment schedule has been strenuous yet Ana has remained a fighter throughout the entire process. She has been receiving intensive chemotherapy since June of last year. She recently started six weeks of daily radiation therapy which will occur concurrently with her chemotherapy.

Ana's family must travel to Miami for the specialized radiation treatment she needs. She has two younger siblings and her father works as a cabinet maker. In December he was let go from full time employment because Ana's treatment schedule has not allowed him to work as often as he needs to. Ana's family would greatly benefit from assistance during this time of hardship. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Melissa Stachowiak". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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