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Dear Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation supporters:

I am writing this letter on behalf of the family of Greyson Rowland. Greyson is a 4-year-old boy who was diagnosed with an ependymoma (brain tumor) in November 2023. Greyson initially presented with gait changes and vomiting. A brain MRI showed that Greyson had a solid mass. Greyson had a resection surgery done at Golisano's Children's Hospital on 11/9/2023 and was started on chemotherapy treatment. Greyson had an additional resection surgery on 2/12/2024 which became complicated and Greyson then went to All Children's in March 2024 for a tumor debulking surgery. After the surgeries, Greyson continued with complications which led Greyson's mother to consult with Dr. Niazi at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. Greyson had a fourth surgical resection surgery along with placement of an external drain on 7/11/2024 with Dr. Niazi at Nicklaus Children's Hospital. The recovery after the surgical procedure was lengthy, and the patient's mother had to stop working to be able to be the primary caregiver at bedside. Greyson's mother is a single mother, and the hospital admissions, follow-ups, and treatments have impacted her finances significantly.

Greyson and his mother reside in Cape Coral, FL about 161 miles away, which makes commuting for appointments costly. Greyson had to receive radiation treatment at Miami Cancer Institute intermittently between 8/26/2024 and 12/3/2024 due to his healing process after surgery. With the assistance of oncology foundations, Greyson and his mother were able to stay at hotels nearby during radiation treatment and follow-ups. However, this still meant grocery and transport expenses.

After completing radiation treatment, Greyson's mother was starting to see that Greyson was improving and would possibly be able to start school in August 2025. Unfortunately, a follow-up MRI in June 2025 showed that the tumor had returned. This news was devastating for the family. Greyson's mother, however, focused on how well Greyson was doing and used that to help her remain hopeful and resilient. Greyson thankfully, had not been experiencing any symptoms, and the medical team quickly planned for another surgical resection. Greyson had another tumor resection surgery on 6/11/2025. Dr. Ossama Maher recommended that Greyson start chemotherapy treatment and Greyson has been in treatment with chemotherapy since 8/15/2025. The treatment is expected to last for about 1 year. Greyson's mother has not been able to work and continues to commute to Miami for treatment and follow-ups. Greyson's mother is seeking financial assistance with their mortgage, utility bills, groceries, and transportation expenses throughout treatment. It has been a long 2.5 years for Greyson and his family, and they are hopeful after this chemotherapy protocol he will be done with treatment. Thank you for considering helping this family.

Warm regards,

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