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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 Alexa's story.

Alexa Candelario is a 3-year-old girl diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) in February 2022. Alexa has undergone chemotherapy treatment for the last 8 months at The Salah Foundation Children Hospital at Broward Health. Alexa's treatment consists of different chemotherapy cycles; from June to September, Alexa had 24-hour chemotherapy rounds which impacted her physically and since then she has not been feeling well.

Despite Alexa's chemotherapy side effects, she is a happy girl who loves to come to Gilda's Club's Children playroom and stops to say hi in every office. Unfortunately, due to Alexa's diagnosis, her mother had to stop working in February to take care of Alexa. At this moment, Alexa's father is the only financial provider for his family. Alexa's parents do not hold a residence status in the U.S which limits her father to work informal jobs with minimum pay, this has impacted their ability to make ends meet. I believe they will benefit from Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation support to reduce the financial burden of the Cancer diagnosis.

Please feel free to contact me in case you need further information
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Sincerely,

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