



Dear Jessica June Children's Cancer Foundation,

This letter is being written on behalf of Zoey and Rosa Pavon. Zoey is a 12 year old young lady being treated at Nicklaus Children's Hospital for a diagnosis of recurrent metastatic stage IV Neuroblastoma with metastases to lymph nodes and bone marrow. Zoey was diagnosed in 2016 after suffering a cheer leading accident. Since her diagnosis, Zoey has endured chemotherapy, stem cell boost, stem cell transplant, ICE therapy, 3F8 therapy and tumor resection. Zoey and her sister have been in the care of their grandmother (Rosa) and grandfather since early childhood as a result of their biological parent's inability to provide them with a safe home. In order to further ensure their safety, Rosa and her husband legally adopted Zoey and her sister. Zoey has been fighting cancer for many years. Her grandparents have remained by her side for every hospitalization and every treatment. Additionally, the grandparents have assured that their adopted children's mental health has been properly addressed through on-going therapy.

The children's care combined with the chronic medical needs of Zoey have drained the family finances. Rosa has been unable to work due to the multiple hospitalizations which Zoey has endured for so many years. Zoey's family depends on the grandfather's disability income to supplement the family's needs. Most recently in the last 2 years, Zoey has required specialized treatment at Memorial Sloan Kettering in NY. The supplemental travel costs for this treatment have further burdened the family's already limited income. This is a proud family who volunteered with earnest and joy to care for their grandchildren never expecting for the turn of events brought on by cancer.

We kindly ask that you open your hearts to helping this very deserving family. Zoey's treatment is ongoing and she and her family continue to fight. Any assistance will be so greatly appreciated by her family during this incredibly challenging time.

Warm regards,



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