



Cassidy Erin Jackson was diagnosed with antiplastic ependymoma on July 30, 2004 at the age of 10. The tumor had formed inside the top of her spinal cord. She had 4 surgeries on her spinal cord alone. Other surgeries included installation of a VP shunt from her brain down to her stomach, a pain pump installed into her abdomen, port lines, etc. She never gave up on herself or the doctors at Akron Children's Hospital, where she spent most of her 2 year battle.

She remains my hero. She was the bravest, most giving, caring, and most admirable person I had ever known. Cassidy passed away April 29, 2006. She is my daughter.

Our goal is to bring awareness to the world that childhood cancer exists. To let people know that it is totally different than adult cancers and must be treated and researched that way. We will be bringing gifts to the children being treated on the Childhood Cancer floor at Akron Children's Hospital throughout the year. We will be hosting an annual fund raiser to help with finances for one family per year, selected by Akron Children's. Throughout the year, we will also be holding fundraisers for Cassidy's Hope Foundation, hoping to raise enough to donate to several research facilities. As our foundation grows, we plan to be able to distribute several grants per year to research.

Please join our Crusade for Childhood Cancer.

Childhood Cancer

- One in every 330 Americans develops cancer before the age of twenty.
- On the average, 46 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer every weekday in the U.S.
- On the average, one in every four elementary schools has a child with cancer. The average high school has two students who are current or former cancer patients.
- Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under the age of 15 in the United States.
- Childhood cancers affect more potential patient-years of life than any other cancer except breast and lung cancer.
- The causes of most childhood cancers are unknown. At present, childhood cancer cannot be prevented.
- Childhood cancer occurs regularly, randomly, and spares no ethnic group, socioeconomic class, or geographic region. In the U.S., the incidence of cancer among adolescents and young adults is increasing at a greater rate than any other age group, except those over 65 years.
- Childhood cancers tend to be more aggressive than adult cancers.
- Brain cancers account for about 15% of pediatric cancers, and are the second most common type of cancer in children (second to the leukemias).
- Cancer remains the number one disease killer of America's children - more than Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Asthma and AIDS combined.
- Although the 5 year survival rate is steadily increasing, one quarter of children will die 5 years from the time of diagnosis.



**Give kids the chance
they deserve!**

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