

## **Our Mission for this Decade**

*is to develop and participate in research programs that might lead to a cure for all children with cancer, to minimize treatment related side effects and to provide better support services that will improve the quality of life for these children and their families.*



### **THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF INDIVIDUALS, GROUPS AND CORPORATIONS, CHILDREN'S CANCER FUND'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE:**

- ♥ Funding several research projects by The Children's Cancer Fund Research Laboratory.
- ♥ The establishment of The Children's Cancer Treatment Center at Westchester Medical Center in 1996, which allows children to receive chemotherapy in an outpatient, cheerful, child-friendly setting.
- ♥ A CCF-sponsored social worker in pediatric oncology to assist patients and families as they deal with post-diagnosis life challenges

*CCF-sponsored projects include research studies to understand the biology of cancer cells, the development of techniques for tracking residual cancer cells and the discovery of effective treatments for children with relapsed or refractory tumors. This research will have a profound impact in improving the cure rate for children with cancer.*

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*Did you know that more than 8000 children are diagnosed with cancer each year?*

**Fact:** Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia (ALL) is the most common form of childhood cancer. The biggest obstacle to completely curing this type of leukemia is relapse due to Minimal Residual Disease (MRD). Children's Cancer Fund finances studies in MRD which will help prevent ALL relapse and increase cure rates.

**Fact:** The Children's Cancer Fund Research Laboratory has been recognized for its accomplishments in the study of MRD by the American Society of Clinical Oncology. This research has also been published in reputable medical journals including Cancer Genetics and Cytogenetics, Anticancer Research and Leukemia

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