



Team G Foundation
“Together We CAN BEAT Childhood Cancer”
Childhood Cancer Facts

1. It is estimated that 12,500 children in the United States and over 240,000 children worldwide develop cancer every year.
2. Approximately 2,500 of those children diagnosed in the United States will not survive.
3. Cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children under the age of 15 in the United States. It is the second leading cause of death overall, only behind accidents.
4. On average, 36 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer every day in the United States.
5. 1 in every 330 Americans develop cancer before the age of twenty.
6. On average, one in every four elementary schools in the United States has a child with cancer. The average high school has two students who are current or former cancer patients.
7. Among the 12 major types of childhood cancers, leukemias and cancers of the brain and central nervous system account for more than half of the new cases in the United States.
8. 80% of children show that cancer has spread to distant sites in the body at first diagnosis. Only about 20% of adults with cancer show evidence that the disease has spread at the time of diagnosis.
9. The causes of most childhood cancers are unknown. At present, childhood cancer cannot be prevented.
10. On average, childhood cancer treatment lasts at least two years; and current treatments cause side-effects that can last a lifetime.
11. Childhood cancer research is vastly underfunded. Currently, the National Cancer Institute gives only 4% of its grants to childhood cancer.
12. With each day, and each dollar, we get one step closer to finding a cure for ALL childhood cancers.