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Dear Friends,

Familias en Acción is a non-profit, organization that is committed to delivering support services to Latino children diagnosed with cancer and their families. No other Latino community based organization provides cancer support services to Latinos.

Our cancer patient navigator provides:

- ◆ Support in accessing resources such as; counseling, financial, housing, and treatments.
- ◆ Reducing language and cultural barriers to quality cancer treatment through collaboration with healthcare providers and hospitals.
- ◆ Support for children and families as they adapt to their life changes post cancer treatment.
- ◆ Increasing health literacy on cancer education to the patient and their families on the disease and treatment options.
- ◆ Promote optimum alternatives and increase cultural responsiveness within systems.

Our patients include:

- Dolores, a 17 year old diagnosed with leukemia. Dolores and her mother were supported by the navigator in strengthening their relationship throughout treatment by encouraging them to communicate in the mother's native indigenous dialect. Our navigator helped to reduce cultural and language barriers that prevented them from understanding treatment options.
- Paco, a 22 year old diagnosed with leukemia. Our navigator worked with Paco and his family to address financial pressures that would have forced the family to leave their home. Our navigator also provided Paco with yoga sessions that allowed him to focus on recovery while undergoing chemotherapy and radiation treatment.
- Julio a 46 year old male and father whose cancer (aggressive sarcoma) metastasized rapidly. Our navigator was instrumental in assisting him in returning to his country of origin to spend the last days of his life with his family.
- Rosalino, 30 years of age, diagnosed with cancer, and uninsured. The navigator advocated for the best treatment options available despite her economic challenges and connected the family with additional referrals and resources for her continual care.

Dolores, Paco and other patients depend on your generous financial support. Documented research of Hispanic children, demonstrates higher incident rates of cancer and lower 5 year survival rates, in comparison to non-Hispanic white children and yet cancer support services remain limited for this population. Hispanic patients often lack access to social support resources necessary to assist them and their families in developing healthy coping skills to adapt to cancer as a chronic disease.

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Your donation is a critical piece in assisting us this year by giving a tax-deductible donation to this organization. With your valuable support Familias en Acción will continue to provide the support services needed to assist these children and adults diagnosed with cancer.

You can donate securely through the Paypal at our website located at www.familiasenaccion.org. If you are sending your donation in the form of a check, please make it payable to **Familias en Acción**, our address is listed at the top of this letter.

We appreciate your support and generosity.

Sincerely,

Rosemary Celaya-Alston
Executive Director

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