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Walking for the Cause

For 15 years, we have hosted a Walk to raise awareness for the psychosocial care of children with cancer and their families. Why? Because **childhood cancer is NOT just about the medicine!**sm **This year's goal is to raise \$100,000.** Our Virtual Awareness Walk enables our message to reach beyond the National Capital Area and to generate funds to support Mattie Miracle's psychosocial programs and initiatives.

Walk with us on May 19th (10am to noon, in your time zone) and help us turn your community **Mattie Miracle ORANGE!** All you have to do is **WALK, SNAP**, and **POST** from ANYWHERE!!!!

- WALK and track your steps (on May 19th, from midnight to noon in your time zone) using a step counter/activity tracker.
- SNAP photos and take videos showing your Mattie Miracle ORANGE spirit and share it on our Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts. Be sure to use **#MMCFWALK**.
- POST a photo of you with your total step count by noon (in your time zone) to Mattie Miracle's social media accounts or email us. Remember to use the hashtag **#MMCFWALK**.
- The top registered walkers with the greatest number of steps will win a prize.
- Rewards for participants who raise \$1,000 or more for the Foundation.

Top walkers have the chance to win:

- 1st Prize for kids/teens: \$100 gift card
- 1st Prize for adults: \$100 gift card
- 2nd Prize: \$75 gift card
- 3rd Prize: \$50 gift card

Register, purchase raffle tickets, and make a tax-deductible donation to the event, a walker, or a team.



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United with Us

We are deeply grateful to **CSA - Client Solution Architects** and **The US Senate Federal Credit Union** for each donating \$10,000 to the Foundation and being our **Presenting Walk Sponsors**. These are businesses with a heart, who care deeply about the health, well-being, and quality of life of children with cancer and their families. We are proud that they are part of our Mattie Miracle family and we look forward to our continued partnership.

Our Community Partners

Our **17 community sponsors** make the **Mattie Miracles possible**. Thank you for helping us get closer to our \$100,000 financial goal! Together our partners have contributed **\$33,750** to this goal.



Thank you

Funding Direct Psychosocial Support

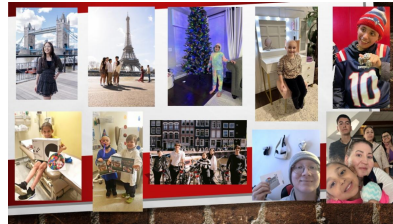


Child Life

Mattie Miracle is committed to funding and increasing access to Child Life services. Since 2011, we have supported **six different Child Life Specialists**. Our Child Life Specialist at Children's Hospital at Sinai (Baltimore, MD), Emily Nosek, serves over **1,500 children and families a year**. Child Life Specialists have the necessary education, skills, and abilities to make a very frightening and stressful medical experience more manageable. In fact, we believe Child Life services are just as important as the medical treatment.

To date we have:

- Donated over **\$500,000** to support our child life program funds.
- Supported **1,500** children a year.
- Funded **6** different Child Life Specialists.



M&M Wishes

In 2021, Mattie Miracle launched its M&M (Margy & Mattie) Wishes Program in memory of our board member, Margy Jost. Margy was a fierce childhood cancer advocate who devoted her life to helping children with cancer. Margy was passionate about providing grants to families to help create memories outside of the hospital experience. **M&M Wishes offers families a grant of up to \$1,000 to support a fun activity, trip, or a wish list item** for a child with cancer.

To date we have:

- Donated **\$27,000** in Wishes.
- Granted **22 Wishes**.
- Wishes awarded to children in **12** different States!



Therapy Support

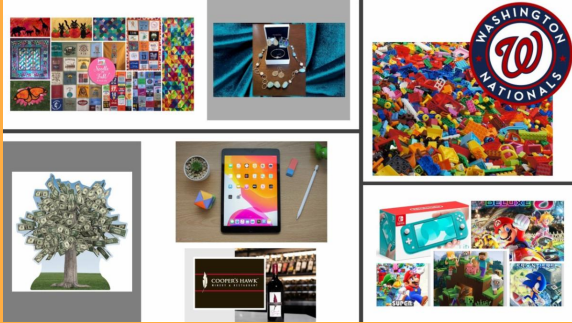
Our therapy support program grants children with cancer **\$1,000 for therapy sessions with a licensed mental health provider** within their community. Families face a host of mental health issues as a result of a childhood cancer diagnosis. Yet frequently families of children with cancer are referred out of the hospital system and into the community for support. The problem with this is it is very challenging for families to access such support because of financial difficulties.

To date we have:

- Donated **\$8,000** in Therapy Grants.
- Supported **3** children with cancer.
- Grants awarded to children in **3** different States!

\$5 Raffle Tickets

Mattie Miracle's online raffle is open! **Tickets are only \$5**. We are featuring eight wonderful items. **All raffle proceeds go toward our fundraising goal, which**



enables us to support our programs and initiatives. Raffle winners will be announced on Mattie Miracle's Facebook page at 12:30pm EDT on May 19th. Items will be mailed to our winners.

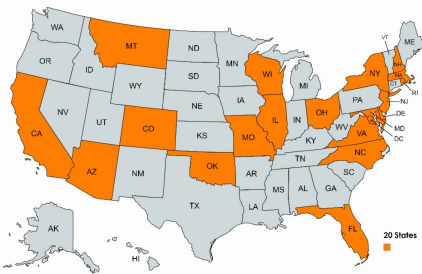
Great prizes, benefiting a great cause!

1. Nats Tickets
2. Money Tree
3. Apple iPad
4. For the Gaming Enthusiast
5. Wine Club Membership & Tasting
6. Designer Quilt Creations
7. Jazz it Up with Jewelry
8. For the Lego Lover

Chance to win \$400!



Our Orange Campaign



We have supporters in 20 out of 50 States participating in our virtual Walk! Our virtual event is a great way to get involved and support Mattie Miracle.

Help us turn this entire map Mattie Miracle ORANGE! If you know people from the States not represented on this map, please encourage them to register for the Walk, purchase raffle tickets, or make a donation. Let's spread Mattie Miracle sunshine and our psychosocial mission in all 50 States.



Show Your Spirit

WEAR  ORANGE

Show your Mattie Miracle spirit on May 19, and wear our Foundation color, **ORANGE!** Help us spread the message that childhood cancer IS NOT JUST ABOUT THE MEDICINEsm.

Send us photos of you, family, friends, and even 4 legged buddies wearing orange on May 19. Photos can be emailed or posted on our social media platforms!

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