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Dear Caring Community:


Thousands of children are diagnosed with cancer each year in the United States. We can only try to imagine the impact this diagnoses has on the child, parents, and siblings. As Pediatric Medical Social Workers at St. Louis Children's Hospital, we have witnessed how cancer truly affects the entire family.


After such a diagnosis, there is no area of their lives that remains unaffected. While their lives were once filled with trips to the St. Louis Cardinals game, the park, Chuck E. Cheese or the Kenny Chesney Concert, they are now faced with countless trips to the hospital or clinic for treatments and procedures. In addition to these changes, a parent typically takes a leave from work or quits their job entirely to care for their child. Along the journey of childhood cancer, families often rely on support and resources from their community.

Fortunately, there are a variety of resources and agencies willing to assist the children and families. One of the wonderful agencies we have had the pleasure of working with is Terra's Angels. We have truly grown to appreciate this agency's generosity to our patients and families over the last several years. We have been very impressed by their ability to be flexible, compassionate and professional when responding to referrals. Their dedication to helping the basic needs of our patients and families has been demonstrated by helping countless families of St. Louis Children's Hospital. Terra's Angels has assisted with car expenses, utility bills, and medical insurance premiums just to name a few. These are typically bills parents are just not able to pay due to a loss of income. At times, this agency has given parents the peace of mind they need, knowing they will have air conditioning or heat when they return home with their sick child.

Terra's Angels is a unique organization in its mission, truly valued by families and medical staff. Their mission often fills a void in the vast cancer resource world. Thank you for your commitment to assisting children with cancer and their families.

Sincerely,


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