

# **Pediatric Cancer**

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An average day for me, is a dream for some kids with pediatric cancer. I go to school and hang out with my best friends, while these unfortunate kids are stuck in a hospital bed for days at a time. They wonder who their next visitor will be and when they will come. Their bodies and immune systems are too weak to fight off common germs and viruses that we are exposed to every day. For this reason, many of these kids can't play any sports or other physical activities that we love to do.

Most people have heard many stories about friends and family going through cancer treatments, surgeries, and rounds of chemotherapy. To have this happen to anyone is heart wrenching, but imagine it upon children of all ages. Each year, about 175,000 kids are diagnosed with cancer worldwide, and about 80% of those children in the U.S. are confirmed to be long-term survivors. This, sadly, leaves the other 20% at risk. This 20% makes cancer the leading cause of death by disease for children. So many kids are affected, and so many tears are shed. Every day, about an equivalent to 1/20 of our school is diagnosed with this scary, life-threatening disease.

No one wants cancer to affect them or someone they know and love. So I encourage you to follow me and many others, and wear **yellow or gold** on **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14** to support Pediatric Cancer. Donate at least one dollar, and help raise money for Relay for Life and the cure. Thank You!

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