Investing in the Future of Pediatric Research

Thank you for your investment in The Benjamin Gilkey Fund for Innovative Pediatric Cancer Research at Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital.

The Benjamin Gilkey Fund exists to fuel the passions of investigative physician researchers within the Johns Hopkins All Children’s Cancer and Blood Disorders Institute. It will make new options available in the face of unexpected obstacles and help to improve, prolong, and preserve the lives of children like Benjamin, who are unique, brave, and unbelievably strong.
Did You Know…

- 15,780 children per year are expected to be diagnosed with cancer. That's 43 children each day.
- Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease among children, claiming more lives than all other diseases combined.
- On average, about 17% of children die within 5 years of a cancer diagnosis. Among those children that survive to five years from diagnosis, 18% will die within 30 years.
- There are 70 potential life years lost on average when a child dies of cancer, compared to 15 potential life years lost for adults.
- Despite all of these statistics, only 4% of federal cancer funding is allocated for pediatric cancer research.

*Source-Coalition Against Childhood Cancer*
A Legacy on Seven South
The Vincent Lecavalier Pediatric Cancer & Blood Disorders Center

Benjamin spent 178 nights on Seven South at Johns Hopkins All Children’s Hospital. Your generosity ensures that his legacy there will continue.

Just one year since it was created in February 2017, The Benjamin Gilkey Fund has exceeded all expectations.

The Benjamin Gilkey Fund in the news:

*Research Funding May Save Other Children’s Lives, Sarasota Herald Tribune*

*Sarasota Resident Sets Her Sights on Research to Fight Cancer, Sarasota Observer*

*After Loss, Arlington Park Family Moves Forward, Sarasota Observer*
With more than six hundred gifts in its first year, The Benjamin Gilkey Fund has raised nearly $300,000 for pediatric cancer research.
Your Impact: Improving Outcomes for Children with Leukemia and Other Cancers

Benji and his attending physician, Benjamin Oshrine, M.D.
The Benjamin Gilkey Fund supports physicians pursuing new research related to acute leukemia.

“Our research efforts will be aimed at improving outcomes in children with acute leukemia, by promoting novel therapies, improving supportive care, and understanding genetic predispositions.

We are moving forward with a clinical study investigating the addition of anti-leukemia agents to standard care in children undergoing blood or marrow transplantation for leukemia. We hope that this intervention reduces the risk of leukemia relapse after transplant, which remains the number one reason that transplantation is not successful in achieving cure.”

-Benjamin Oshrine, M.D.
Along the way, many individuals and organizations in our community have demonstrated incredible generosity through special events and promotions supporting The Benjamin Gilkey Fund.

- Marina Petty’s 4H Project, March 2017
- Evie's 5th Annual Golf Tournament, April 2017
- Cookies for Cancer with Girls on the Run, May 2017
- Suncoast Tarpon Shootout, June 2017
- Painting with a Purpose, July 2017
- Love McKinley Golf Tournament, July 2017
- Clematis Street Lemonade Stand, Summer 2017
- Crunch Fitness 5th Anniversary Fundraiser, August 2017
- Venice Youth Splash and Dash, September 2017
- Southside Go Gold Campaign, September 2017
- Tampa Bay Rays "Rays Up for Research" game, September 2017
- Brewburgers Taphouse Jeep Show, September 2017
- Lauren's One Wish 5K, December 2017
- Winter Solstice Celebration at The Tea House, December 2017
- Proceeds from product sales at Marmalade Salon & Boutique, The Chocolate Bark Company, and Gadar Pilates

Special thanks to The Amicus Foundation for their $30,000 year-end giving grant, which was matched to its maximum on Benjamin’s birthday, December 22.
Please consider continuing your support of The Benjamin Gilkey Fund for Innovative Pediatric Cancer Research in 2018:

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