



## Pediatric Cancer Facts

Cancer is the leading cause of death by *disease* in children.

More children under age 18 die of cancer than by asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, congenital abnormalities and AIDS, *combined*. About 1,380 children are expected to die from cancer in the United States this year.

Approximately 13,000 new cases of cancer are diagnosed in children and teens in the U.S. each year. That's roughly 46 children each school day, enough to fill a school bus! Of those new cases, about 10,730 are under the age of 15!

The rate of new pediatric cancer cases is **increasing** each year!

Each year there are about 700 new cases of neuroblastoma in the United States.

Many treatments can be painful and toxic, and can leave a surviving child with multiple health problems.

Research for pediatric cancer is drastically underfunded and few companies are interested in investing in the difficult research to develop new treatments. Virtually all funding for pediatric cancer comes from private donations and from the U.S. government.

10% of overall government medical research funding supports research for all pediatric diseases, and only 3.9% of NCI funding for research is allocated to fight ALL forms of childhood cancer.

For each dollar of the government budget devoted to cancer research, some people have estimated that only four pennies support pediatric cancer research.

The National Cancer Institute's (NCI) federal budget in 2010 was \$5.1 billion. Of that, breast cancer received more than 12.3%, prostate cancer received nearly 6%, and all 12 major groups of childhood cancers combined received less than 3.9%.

**Children with cancer are suffering and dying because they have no voice. We can help change that. We are only kids ourselves, but we can be the voice for children with cancer. We believe the money and consciousness we raise by Kids Walk for Kids with Cancer, however small, will help save a child with cancer.**