



September is childhood cancer awareness month. You may be asking yourself, why do we need an awareness month for childhood cancer? We all know children get cancer, but we have an amazing medical system in this country, so isn't the problem being taken care of already. The unfortunate answer is no. Childhood cancer research receives less than 4% of funding from the US National Cancer Institute.

Some quick facts;

- Worldwide once every 2 minutes a child will be diagnosed with cancer.
- Childhood cancer is the #1 disease killer in the USA.
- 1 in 5 children won't survive their diagnosis.
- 2/3 of Survivors will have a long term health effects.

What can you do to help?

- **Give** to reputable charities that gives the majority of donations to childhood cancer research, such as, St. Jude's Hospital, St. Baldrick's, or Children's Hospital of Alabama.
- **Give** blood. Cancer patients require blood or blood products often during treatment and a ready supply of donors is necessary all the time.
- **Give** bone marrow. A simple cheek swab and short informational form is all that is required to begin to save a life.

