

# 2009 Fact Sheet



## Friends of Kids with Cancer

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- *Friends of Kids with Cancer* was established in 1992 by child life advocates and **parents of children** undergoing treatment.
- Around **250 kids**, ages zero to eighteen, are diagnosed with cancer each year in St. Louis.
- The children and families that *Friends* serves, as well as the programs we provide, are referred to us and recommended by the **Doctors and their professional staff** at the treatment centers.
- We serve children and their families at the following treatment centers:



**Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital**  
**The Bob Costas Center**  
**St. Louis University Radiation and Oncology Department**  
**St. John's Mercy Medical Center**  
**Pediatric Cancer and Hematology Center**  
**David C. Pratt Center**  
**St. Louis Children's Hospital**  
**The Hale Irwin Hematology and Oncology Clinic**  
**The Siteman Cancer Center**



And other hospitals providing treatment for pediatric forms of cancer in the St. Louis area.

- Children who receive treatment for cancer do so for **many hours, several days a week**.
- *Friends of Kids with Cancer* enriches the **daily lives** of children undergoing treatment for cancer and blood related diseases through three types of programs:

### **Recreational, Educational and Emotional.**

- Began as fun and diversion and was expanded into **vital areas** of mental well being and educational support:

### **Our Programs**

#### Recreational:

- Munchie Mondays
- Entertainment
- Bone Marrow Transplant Unit
- Ian Kyle Fund
- Special Assistance
- Memory Makers
- Ellen's Fund
- Smile Makers
- Toy Closets/Toy Chests
- Snacks

#### Educational:

- EdMAP (Educational and Motivational Assistance)
- Educational Testing
- Scholarships

#### Emotional:

- Art Therapy
- Play Therapy
- Crisis Intervention
- Psycho-social testing
- Support Groups

- A **positive mental outlook** can be as important as medicine.
- Our programs give children **hope and a will to live** outside of the treatments.
- In addition to our programs at the treatment centers, *Friends* provides several parties and events throughout the year **for the children and their families we serve**. These include the Family Night at the Magic House, Family Halloween Carnival, the Family Winter Wonderland Party, and Family Night at the Ballpark at Busch Stadium.
- This is a **completely local non-profit**, and the money raised and donated by generous individuals stays in the St. Louis community.
- *Friends* is funded by fundraising events, foundation grants, corporate grants, individual donations, memorial/honorary donations, corporate sponsorships, service organizations, and planned giving.
- **Five major fundraising events** are held each year by *Friends*. These are the Fashion Show, Golf Tournament, Walk with a Friend, Trivia Night, and Hats on Day.