



Marc Apodaca Jr. Children's
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Dear DIPG Family,

The Marc Jr. Foundation wants to gift your family \$500 to help reduce the financial stress that comes with a DIPG diagnosis.

The Marc Jr. Foundation is a foundation made up of families who have experienced a DIPG diagnosis of DIPG. We personally understand how many new expenses are thrown at your family immediately after diagnosis. To receive this gift, please follow these two very simple steps:

Fill out the attached form, which includes a signed medical statement from an Oncology professional.

Return the completed form to the Marc Jr. Foundation.

This money is to be used at your discretion without stipulations or reimbursement forms. This money can be used for copays, travel expenses, alternative treatments, prescriptions, living expenses etc. It may also be used for a family night out – Family fun center, zoo, museum, movie, fun restaurant, amusement park, etc. Your child's health comes first, and our goal is to help.

No strings attached. This money is the Marc Jr. Foundation's gift to your family. PLEASE, fill out this form and email or mail us the application.

Sincerely,

s/Hope Walsdorf

Hope Walsdorf
Board Member Since 2009, and
Sam's Proud Mom

Building Awareness Today for Tomorrow's Cure

This organization has been granted not-for-profit status under section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue Service code. Accordingly, contributions are tax deductible. (EIN 30-0485626)



What is Financial Assistance from the Marc Jr Foundation?

- Marc Jr Foundation offers **financial** assistance not to exceed \$500 (five-hundred dollars) to assist with the cost of any issue for families who have a child diagnosed with a DIPG;
- Marc Jr Foundation's financial assistance can be used to cover basic living expenses such as rent/ mortgage, utility payments, food, etc.
- Marc Jr Foundation's financial assistance can also be used to pay for family entertainment such as movies, dining out, fun-centers, any appropriate family entertainment, etc.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for financial assistance your child must:

- Have a DIPG diagnosis of cancer as certified by an oncology healthcare provider from the your child's Children's Hospital

How do I apply?

In order for an application to be considered for financial assistance from Marc Jr Foundation, the following **MUST BE SUBMITTED and COMPLETED**:

- **Your child's social worker or health care provider MUST submit a completed Financial Assistance Application.**
- **Please PRINT clearly: illegible applications will not be processed.**
- Please fill in each blank space in the application. Use 'no', 'none', or '0' as appropriate; do not leave a blank response.
- A medical **oncology professional must complete all sections of the Medical Information Section and provide a signature and date.** You or your family member cannot complete this section!

Note: You can submit this application by:

- Mailing to Marc Jr Foundation, PO Box 33042, Denver, CO 80233; (Please note: mailing address is also listed on our Application); or
- E-mailing your application to info@marcjr.org

Please note: Submission of an application is not a guarantee of receiving a Marc Jr Foundation grant. Funds are limited and based on eligibility and availability of funds. We will not process incomplete Applications.



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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Email completed application to info@marcjr.org

<u>PATIENT INFORMATION</u> (please print clearly)		Today Date _____
First Name: _____	Last Name: _____	
Address: _____	City, State, Zip: _____	
Phone number: _____	Work: _____	
Cell: _____	Patient (Child's) Date of Birth _____	
Email address: _____		
* Required by the ACCO		
If patient is a minor (under 18), name of parent or guardian _____		
<u>MEDICAL INFORMATION</u>		***THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED BY YOUR ONCOLOGY NURSE, DOCTOR, SOCIAL WORKER OR HOSPITAL ACS PATIENT NAVIGATOR ONLY ***
Date of diagnosis: _____	Primary Cancer _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> New Diagnosis <input type="checkbox"/> Recurrence Is patient in active treatment? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<u>HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION</u> (please print):		
MD name: _____	Phone number: _____	
Hospital/Clinic: _____		
Email Address _____		
<u>NAME AND TITLE OF PERSON COMPLETING THIS SECTION, IF DIFFERENT THAN ABOVE</u> (please print):		

Phone: _____	Email: _____	
Your relationship to person applying for help: <input type="checkbox"/> Doctor <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Social Worker		
Signature of MEDICAL Professional: _____		
Please print signature: _____		

Incomplete applications cannot be accepted

The information on this application is for the sole purpose of applying for financial assistance from the Marc Jr Foundation. The information provided will not be used for any other purpose.



FREE!! The items listed below are being offered to DIPG Parents free of charge by the ACCO. Please select the items you would like to receive and submit this form along with your Marc Jr Grant application and the Marc Jr Foundation will place the order for you to ensure you receive the selected items.



Understanding The Journey, A Parent's Guide To DIPG

At 368 pages, the book provides practical and clinical information for families, doctors and caregivers who are faced with the complexities of the diffuse intrinsic pontine glioma, one of the deadliest pediatric brain tumors that currently has no known cause or cure.

Chapters include information about diagnosis, imaging, pontine function and anatomy, steroid treatment, radiation therapy, radiosensitizers, surgery, and chemotherapy and biologics. Each chapter concludes with parent perspectives on each topic – poignant, first-person accounts of their own experiences caring for their child diagnosed with DIPG

Along the Way, Documenting My Child's Cancer Journey

A parental resource that provides a way to document medical treatments, hospital contact information, treatment expenditures, and local resources. This logbook also contains information about clinical trials, treatment procedures, blood counts, side effects, a journal section, and a place to take notes.

Cozy Cares Journal

This 122 page journal features ACCO's mascot, COZY the Port-a-Cat. It encourages children with cancer to express their feelings by writing and drawing. Text prompts assist children with identifying people in their lives who they can talk to about their cancer diagnosis and treatment. Written to empower children to find their inner strength, this journal will also be a treasured keepsake for years to come. Each Cozy Cares Journal comes with a fun pen in the shape of hand gestures like "thumbs up" and "I love you." Select your desired color; Journal Pen ___ yellow ___ pink ___ green

Marvelous Marleigh

A 31 page book for preschoolers diagnosed with cancer (ages 1 to 5 years). Through real-life photos, preschool children are able to identify with Marleigh's treatments and hospital stays. The last page of the book includes a mirror so that children can see themselves and reflect upon the thought that Marvelous Marleigh is "just like them."

La Fantastica Hannah, Miren todo lo que puedo hacer!

This 28 page picture book is written for the Spanish-speaking preschool child who has been diagnosed with cancer. Through real-life photos, children will be able to identify with Hannah's hospital stay, special friends, tests, treatment and germ care.

Oliver's Story: For "Sibs" of Kids with Cancer

40 page illustrated book targeted for the 3 to 8 year old sibling of children diagnosed with cancer. Illustrated by Mike Dodd and written through the eyes of his six-year-old son Oliver, this resource focuses on the many questions that siblings have when their brother or sister is diagnosed with cancer, and offers constructive ways on how they can provide support.



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La Historia de Oliver, Para los Hermanos de Niños con Cancer

Oliver's Story (above) for Spanish-speaking siblings.

Chemo, Craziiness, and Comfort

200 page resource that provides practical advice for children diagnosed with cancer between 6 and 12 years of age. Warm and funny illustrations and easy-to-read text help the child (and parents) make sense of cancer and it's treatment.

A Parent's Guide to Enhancing Quality of Life in Children with Cancer

An essential resource for families who have a child diagnosed with cancer. Written by experts in the field, and balanced with parents' personal experiences, this 261 page resource focuses on improving the quality of life of the child through an understanding of pain and symptom management, enhanced communication skills and practical ways to simply help sick kids be kids.

Lift Me Up!

This is an inspiring 22 page book filled with wonderful pictures to color and words of encouragement for kids with cancer.

A Parent's guide to clinical trials

Is a concise reference guide which explains what clinical trials are, which defines a clinical trials process and structure.