

## Special State Project September 2022 Bulletin

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"Loyalty, Love, Friendship"  
The Bonds of Volunteerism

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September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month! Your clubs might ask your mayors to make a Proclamation. A sample is on the reverse side. Please take pictures and submit them to this Chairman when your towns' Mayor announces this Proclamation. Let's get the word out!

Your club might also help Emmanuel Cancer Foundation by organizing a food drive. The Four ECF Food Pantries throughout the state help families so they don't have to worry about food shopping while taking their children for Cancer treatments.

We will continue collecting non-perishable food items at our September Councils and our **NJSFWC Fall Conference on October 24 at the Battleground Country Club**. Here are items that families often request: (Organic items are always a plus), oatmeal, cereal, pancake mix, condiments (Mayo, mustard and ketchup), tuna fish, canned chicken, mac & cheese, peanut butter and jelly, rice, pasta, sauce in plastic jars or cans, paper towels, toilet paper, and tissues, paraben and sulfite free shampoos and conditioners (This is especially requested for hair regrowth), Free and Clear laundry detergent (Helps after chemo treatments), all size diapers, hypo-allergenic wipes etc.

Thank you to the most generous volunteer organization in the State!

## Proclamation

Whereas, childhood cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children, and;

Whereas, 1 in 285 children in the United States will be diagnosed by their 20th birthday, and;

Whereas, 46 children per day or 16,790 children per year are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S., and;

Whereas, there are approximately 40,000 children on active treatment at any given time, and;

Whereas, the average age of diagnosis is 6 years old, compared to 66 years for adults' cancer diagnosis, and;

Whereas, 80% of childhood cancer patients are diagnosed late and with metastatic disease, and;

Whereas, on average there's been a 0.6 percent increase in incidence per year since the mid 1970's resulting in an overall incidence increase of 24 percent over the last 40 years, and;

Whereas, two-thirds of childhood cancer patients will have chronic health conditions as a result of their treatment toxicity, with one quarter being classified as severe to life-threatening, and;

Whereas, approximately one half of childhood cancer families rate the associated financial toxicity due to out-of-pocket expenses as considerable to severe, and;

Whereas, in the last 20 years only four new drugs have been approved by the FDA to specifically treat childhood cancer, and;

Whereas, the National Cancer Institute recognizes the unique research needs of childhood cancer and the associated need for increased funding to carry this out;

Whereas, hundreds of non-profit organizations at the local and national level including the Emmanuel Cancer Foundation are helping children with cancer and their families cope through educational, emotional and financial support, and;

Whereas, researchers and healthcare professionals work diligently dedicating their expertise to treat and cure children with cancer, and;

Whereas, too many children are affected by this deadly disease and more must be done to raise awareness and find a cure.

Now therefore, I, (name of elected official), Governor of (state), do hereby proclaim September 2022 as Childhood Cancer Awareness Month in (city/state).

