

Letter for Parents and Guardians

Team Jack is asking for help from local schools and individuals during the month of September, which is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. Nebraska ranks fifth in incidences of childhood brain cancer in the country and first in mortality. Due to the lack of federal funding for research, private foundations like Team Jack are left to carry the torch. We are happy to do this, but we need all hands-on deck.

Children can benefit from a fundraiser like this for several reasons:

- **Fundamental Skills:** Fundraising teaches children and young adults how to set goals and work toward achieving these goals. In addition, it teaches them fundamental skills of teamwork, creativity and communication.
- **Civic Responsibility:** Doing things to help others at a young age is an important quality to develop for adulthood.
- **Impact:** Raising funds to support a cause can help save lives not only in Nebraska but nationwide.

Funding laboratory and clinical research may seem like climbing a mountain and much too difficult. However, because someone funded research in previous years our namesake, Jack Hoffman, can receive clinical trial medicine to help keep his tumor at bay. In addition, a trial drug that we heavily invested in called TAK580 (now DAY101), has recently been purchased by a pharmaceutical with the goal of receiving fast-track approval by the FDA. This drug that has been developed because of laboratory research nearly a decade ago. New treatments need time to develop and funding as well, and we are excited that this one is helping kids now in trials but will soon be available on the market.

We have made it simple for your child to ask for donations in person or with your help by sharing on social media platforms.

- In-Person – Your child can use one of the messages on their fundraising envelope.
- Online – After helping them create their online fundraising link, you can help them share it with family and friends on social media, by email or text message.

Although not everyone asked will donate, they will be hearing about childhood brain cancer and the need for funding, which is raising awareness for the disease. It's a win-win!

For each fundraising level reached, kids will receive prizes compliments of our generous sponsors including our top prize sponsor, Applied Connective Technologies based in Albion, NE!

We are grateful for your time and consideration with this project and look forward to celebrating the successes at the close of the program!

Sincerely,



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