



Dear Jan,

**Blessyn is just too young to be battling cancer.**

She is only 9 years old and was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia, a type of cancer of the blood and bone marrow.

She needs our help to get through it.



**Although just a few months ago she didn't have cancer, Blessyn's life is now centered around a treatment plan that consists of receiving chemotherapy treatment, IV fluids, antibiotics to prevent infection, and nausea medication; not to mention painful blood transfusions. In addition to being expensive, Blessyn's transfusions will take approximately 2 hours each and will often hurt – a lot.**

The Children's Cancer & Blood Foundation (CCBF) is here to make sure Blessyn doesn't miss out on childhood, but we can't do it alone.

**CCBF needs your help to raise \$35,000 this summer for *Playtime for Patients*, a program that brings comfort, fun, and normalcy to children like Blessyn who are coping with things most adults can't even imagine.**

- Make a donation today so we can buy toys and games to distract children during treatments.
- Give us the support we need to hire a magician or a clown who can provide some much-needed laughs.
- Help us raise funds to take kids out of the clinic for an afternoon field trip.

**CCBC treats over 500 children like Blessyn every year** at the Division of Pediatric Hematology and Oncology at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Weill Cornell Medical Center – children who have to grow up way too fast in order to manage diseases they will battle for a lifetime.

Help us raise just \$35 per child to give these kids back some of their childhood.

Art supplies. Books. DVDs. Puppets.

A surprise from the toy chest at the end of treatment.

Maybe a birthday party for a child who reaches that not-taken-for-granted milestone.

That's all we're asking for.

**Blessyn should be with her friends, taking dance classes, studying modern arts, and playing basketball; instead she will be spending her summer at a hospital whose name she can't even pronounce.**

A simple gift from you now will make her struggle just a little bit easier.

**Make a donation today and help us keep summer fun for Blessyn and other kids like her!**

Thank you for caring,



Jennifer Zaleski  
Executive Director

**P.S. -- Little things can make a big difference when you are a kid in pain, and every day matters. Make a donation today at [www.childrenscbf.org](http://www.childrenscbf.org) or by using the enclosed envelope.**



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