

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: Finding Cures and Saving Lives

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is one of the world's premier centers for the research and treatment of pediatric cancer and other catastrophic childhood diseases. Children from all 50 states and from around the world have come through the doors of St. Jude for treatment. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatments that are not covered by insurance. No child is denied treatment because of a family's inability to pay.

Working together under one roof, St. Jude physicians and scientists have pioneered treatments

that have helped push the overall survival rates for childhood cancers from less than 20 percent when the hospital opened in 1962 to 80 percent today. The survival rate for the most common form of childhood cancer, acute lymphoblastic leukemia, has risen from just 4 percent in 1962 to 94 percent today, thanks to research and treatment protocols developed at St. Jude.



St. Jude is the first and only pediatric cancer center to be designated as a Comprehensive Cancer Center by the National Cancer Institute, and is also making a difference in the fight against other pediatric catastrophic diseases such as sickle cell disease, blood and bone disorders, genetic diseases, and pediatric HIV/AIDS.

Providing the most advanced treatments and exceptional care to children without burdening their families with the cost is expensive. The daily operating cost for St. Jude is \$1.5 million, which is primarily covered by public contributions from generous individuals like Light Sources Inc. owner Christian Sauska, who has been a valued friend of the St. Jude mission for 20 years.

During the past five years, 81 cents of every dollar received has supported the research and treatment at St. Jude. To learn more about how you can support St. Jude's mission of finding cures and saving children, visit <u>www.stjude.org</u>.