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CANCERFREE KIDS ANNOUNCES \$1 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH
Grants Represent Organization's Largest-Ever Round of Funding

CINCINNATI: CancerFree KIDS is announcing \$1 million in grants to fund 19 research studies at Cincinnati Children's and Nationwide Children's in Columbus, Ohio. These grants represent the largest round of funding CancerFree KIDS has ever announced with the goal of finding a cure for childhood cancers.

The grants for Cincinnati Children's will fund research studies of pediatric malignant tumors, leukemia, immune diseases, and malignant medulloblastoma. Funded studies at Nationwide Children's include research of pediatric central nervous system tumors, bone cancers, and RNA cancer therapeutics.

"Most people don't know that there are only four FDA-approved drugs that were created specifically to treat children with cancer," says Jill Brinck, executive director, CancerFree KIDS. "Pediatric cancer research is critically underfunded, but CancerFree KIDS is trying to help bridge the gap. And our research is making a difference. The research we fund has a direct impact on our community. Without these grants, there is little funding out there dedicated to our tiniest cancer warriors."

Founded in 2002, CancerFree KIDS has distributed \$6 million since its inception to help find a cure and gentler treatments to help children better cope with the pains and challenges of living with and fighting cancer. This new round of funding dedicates \$446,000 in research to Cincinnati Children's, and \$475,000 to Nationwide Children's. CancerFree KIDS will finalize an additional \$79,000 in grants before the end of 2021.

"We have a long-standing relationship with Cincinnati Children's, and we couldn't be more thrilled to fund this research at the nation's third-leading pediatric cancer hospital. Cincinnati Children's is renowned for its commitment to clinical research, and CancerFree KIDS is proud to be a partner in that valiant endeavor," says Brinck.

Please visit www.cancerfreekids.org to learn more about the organization's mission and work to fight childhood cancer.