



Bear Necessities

PEDIATRIC CANCER FOUNDATION

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This year alone, 13,500 of America's children will be diagnosed with pediatric cancer. That's two classrooms full of children diagnosed with this devastating disease every school day.

Pediatric cancer spares no ethnic group, no socioeconomic class, no geographic location and strikes innocent children in good times and bad. As our recession lingers, the kids and families Bear Necessities serves need your help more than ever.

On March 10, 2012, Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation will host the 19th Annual Bear Tie Ball in at the UIC Forum. Anticipating nearly 700 people in attendance, the Bear Tie Ball is the foundation's largest and most important fundraiser, raising critical funds for our mission to eliminate pediatric cancer and provide hope and support to those who are touched by it.

For 19 years, Bear Necessities has been relentless in this mission, and has allocated over 80% of every dollar given, since inception, to our three unique programs. Unfortunately, pediatric cancer remains the #1 disease killer in children under the age of 15 - more than asthma, cystic fibrosis, diabetes, and pediatric AIDS combined!

Bear Necessities' work is far from done, but there is something you can do to help us help the many brave children battling pediatric cancer and their families.

Please consider supporting Bear Necessities' 19th Annual Bear Tie Ball by:

- Donating an item to the Bear Tie Ball SILENT or LIVE Auction. Examples may include hotel accommodations, dining, entertainment, spa packages, etc.
- Purchasing a company or personal ad in the Bear Tie Ball Program Book.

For more information about Bear Necessities, please visit our website at www.bearnecessities.org. To learn more about how you can support kids in the fight of their lives through the Bear Tie Ball, contact Special Events Manager, Karen Roark, at 312/214-1200 ext 29 or kroark@bearnecessities.org.

Thank you for your generous consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Kathleen A. Casey
CEO/President
Bear's mom



Since 1992, Bear Necessities Pediatric Cancer Foundation has carried out our mission through three unique programs:

Bear Discoveries: awarding medical research grants across the nation to junior investigative researchers committed to finding a cure.

Bear Empowerment: funding information and support service grants nationwide for programs or projects that directly impact patients, their families, and the hospital facilities in which they are treated.

Bear Hugs: supporting the physical, psychological and financial needs of children and their families. A Bear Hug is a special, customized experience that helps a young cancer patient feel like a kid again, bringing normalcy and hope for a brighter tomorrow into his/her life.



Thanks for helping the kids!
"Bear" Krupa 1984-1993