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About:

The Project Kids' Cancer Cure Guild was established in February 2017 to support Cancer Clinical Trials at Seattle Children's. Seattle Children's is a member of the Children's Oncology Group (COG), an international organization of cancer specialists, supported by the National Cancer Institute, that works together to research, prevent, treat, and cure childhood cancer.

The average cost to conduct a clinical trial is \$6,000 per patient, but the funding from the National Cancer Institute is only \$2,000 per patient. Seattle Children's Cancer Clinical Trials fund helps fill that gap to cover the cost of studies at Seattle Children's for all types of cancer - so every child can benefit from the best therapies available. The Cancer Clinical Trials Fund is managed by Dr. Doug Hawkins, who leads Children's cancer care and research team.



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Katie's Story:

In August of 2009, when Katie Belle was just 3 1/2 years old, a persistent fever led her to Seattle Children's Emergency Department where doctors discovered a baseball-sized tumor in her abdomen. She was diagnosed with high-risk neuroblastoma. Her chance of survival: 35%.



When Katie was first diagnosed, her family immediately had the option to participate in a COG trial. "While it was a lot to process, we chose to enroll Katie in the trial because her prognosis was poor and it's critical to understand more about how to best treat this disease," said Katie's mother, Jennifer Belle. "While we hoped it would work, we also knew that no matter the outcome, the researchers would at least learn something and it would be a way to help future patients."

Katie endured almost two years of aggressive treatment and in total, spent more than 200 nights in the hospital. Seven months after the end of treatment, Katie's family finally got the news they'd been hoping for - she had no evidence of cancer.

"In looking at the results of the trial, there is a good chance Katie is here today because of the tandem transplant," said Jennifer. "For that, we are grateful."

Jennifer said Katie, now 10, is a precocious, fun-loving girl who loves to swim.

"She loves school, has a wonderful group of friends and is thriving," said Jennifer. "The experience has also changed her outlook on life. After going through something so difficult, everything else seems relatively easy to her."



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