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A nonprofit organization for children and adolescents with gynecologic cancers.

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



I had the opportunity to speak at a survivorship conference hosted by the University of Michigan. It gave me time to reflect on what survivorship meant and what changes I could make for the future, related to childhood gynecologic cancer. You are a survivor from the moment you are diagnosed with cancer. Your family members and close friends become survivors, as they help you through your good and bad days. The Childhood Gynecologic Cancer Association continues to assist children and adolescents, as well as their families, from the time of diagnosis, as well as throughout their years of survivorship.

~Respectively, Hope Haefner, MD

NEW!

PATIENT ORGANIZERS

The Childhood Gynecologic Cancer Association has developed a patient organizer for all patients diagnosed with childhood gynecologic cancer. The organizer has been designed as one single binder with several helpful tabs to assist in day to day needs as treatment begins. If you have recently been diagnosed with a childhood or adolescent gynecologic malignancy, or know someone who has been diagnosed, contact us so that we can mail you the organizer.

hope@cgynca.org

Newsletter Spotlight! Thank you !

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Keeping the Spirit of Hope Alive!

Childhood Gynecologic Cancer Association

DID YOU KNOW?
**240 cases of Childhood
Gynecologic Cancer are
diagnosed every year in the US**

**Do you know anyone who has or had a
Childhood Gynecologic cancer?**

The Childhood Gynecologic Cancer Association is working on promoting education and research in gynecologic cancers in children and adolescents.

We are forming a confidential data base of patients to assist in this important research. Please contact hope@cgynca.org

Looking Ahead:

In efforts to continue to provide education and find support for our research, CGYNCA attends health professional conferences.

Next year we will be attending:
International Society of Pediatric Oncology meeting in Washington, D.C.

Come check out our table



Kelly Berch, an administrative assistant in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology told her mother, Karen Berch, about the Childhood Gynecologic Cancer Association.

Kelly learned about this organization after listening to a lecture on humanism, given by Hope Haefner, M.D., professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. She told her mother about two people who work at the University of Michigan Health System, Hope Haefner, M.D. and Barbara Getty, who have devoted their spare time to assist children and adolescents with gynecologic cancers, as well as their families with survivorship needs.

Kelly's mother and cohorts made 13 quilts that were presented to Barbara and Hope at the University of Michigan Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. These quilts will be placed in a gift bag for each child diagnosed with one of these cancers throughout the year.

If you are interested in donating to the gift bags for patients, contact hope@cgynca.org

Examples of donations are gift cards from gas stations to help with appointments, new stuffed animals, art supplies, etc.