Dear

One of the last things any parent wants to hear is “*your child has cancer*.” In the United States one out of every 285 children will be diagnosed with cancer before their 20th birthday. At Smilow and Yale- New Haven Children’s Hospital nearly 100 new families this year will hear those words. For many parents like, Loretta Molles it is one of the most freighting experiences they will have.

*“I was in a panic over how I was going to pay for my son’s medical bills.”*

For Mrs. Molles and others like her, the greatest challenge they face is the financial toll such a diagnosis puts on the family. The Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer was established to help families in this time of need. Each year The Tommy Fund provides financial assistance in the form of mortgage/rent payments, utility bills, and more to help ease this financial burden for families.

 *“The Tommy Fund helped me at one of the most difficult times of my life.”*

*It is a tremendous comfort knowing they’re there for our family,*

*when we need them.”*

The Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer is here to let patients and families know they are not alone during this overwhelming time. If you want to show support to local families affected, now is more important than ever.

Join us and be a part of the 2nd Annual Tommy Fund Hats for Hope Day! On October 21, 2022 students, schools, teachers and businesses in Connecticut will be fundraising $1 and more! to wear their crazy hat in celebration and support of local children with cancer. Create your own fundraising page to share with family & friends and raise for a great cause! By making any donation, your gift will help The Tommy Fund continue its mission.

Hats for Hope Day is dedicated to our little local heroes! This fight is vital in continuing the steps towards a future where no child has to hear, “you have cancer”.

Visit (www.tommyfund/events/hats-for-hope) to make a gift, register for your own fundraising page or for more information about how to get your school or business involved. We hope you will help us make this year’s Hats for Hope Day one we won’t forget!

Cordially,

The Tommy Fund for Childhood Cancer