

OLPCF Foundation Report

According to the Ohio Department of Health, in the state of **Ohio**, an average of **567 new invasive cancer cases** occur each year among youth between **0 and 19 years old**. These statistics are based on data from **2015 to 2019**. The overall cancer incidence rates in Ohio have increased by 35% from 2000 to 2019 among children and adolescents.

The Ohio Lions Pediatric Foundation was created to help children with cancer in at least 2 ways: providing \$25,000 research grants to pediatric hospitals each year to eradicating this disease; and assisting families with gas cards. Where does this money come from? It comes from generous donations from Lions Clubs, corporations, and individuals. Donations also come by way of the STEPS walks.

The gas card program helps families get their child to treatments; alleviating the need for moms and dads to choose between helping their child and groceries. \$150/month for 6 months. Remember, not all treatment centers are just down the road. We have had families that live in Marrietta but need to go to Cleveland for their cancer treatment. Do you know of a family with a child with cancer that could benefit from this program? Let me know and I'll send you an application.

From September 2022 through April 2023 your generosity has totaled \$7,325 from OH5. But since pediatric cancer will not be going away anytime soon, can these kids and their families count on your continued support?

Please go to www.olpcf.org for more information on how you can support this cause.

Changing the world, with you.

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