

Two Cancers... Two Causes

MY NAME IS NICOLAS MENDEZ. On April 2, 2004, I am walking in a Walk-a-Fun, at my school to raise money for The National Children's Cancer Foundation and Resurrection School. I am 9 years old and I have had 2 rare childhood cancers and survived them both. When I was 2 1/2 years old I was diagnosed with Retinoblastoma, a rare cancer of the eye. In order to remove the tumor the doctor's had to remove my left eye. On April 10th, 2003 I was diagnosed with a second rare cancer called Rhabdomyosarcoma. The tumor was located in the sinus area just below my brain. I underwent 28 days of radiation, and 42 weeks of chemotherapy in order to treat this second cancer. Since my last treatment on January 13, 2004, all of my scans have been clear.



Why support the National Children's Cancer Foundation (NCCF)?

The funds I raise will be restricted to the NCCF's Rhabdomyosarcoma Research Fund. The NCCF is dedicated to reducing the devastating impact of cancer on infants, children, adolescents and young adults by supporting clinical and laboratory research on cancer causes, treatments, and cures, and by education and advocacy for the needs of children with cancer and their families. www.nccf.org

Why support me?

There are approximately 65 million children in the United States and each year, about 9,000 are diagnosed with cancer. Retinoblastoma and Rhabdomyosarcoma account for about 3% of childhood cancers. A lot of money is raised for more common types of cancer and I want to make people more aware of rare cancers. I want to make a difference by raising money for a disease that has touched my life and those around me. www.nickrocks.us

Pledge Form

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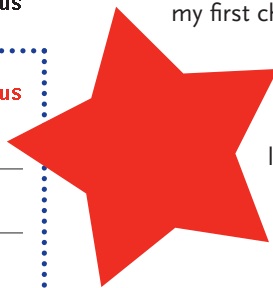
Please fax completed form to a confidential fax number 408-904-5336 (no cover sheet necessary)

Why support Resurrection School?

When I had both types of cancers, I received all the support a kid could ever wish for from my Resurrection School family. I received hundreds of prayers, letters, posters, gifts, and cards as I was fighting for my life. I even had a desk with books and everything, waiting for my return at my school in my 4th grade classroom. My school friends were waiting for me to come back. I think Resurrection is a great school! www.resparish.org/school

Why is this Walk-a-Fun special?

Last year, on April 11, 2003, when the rest of my school was walking in the Walk-a-Fun, I was in the hospital receiving my first chemotherapy treatment for cancer. This year, after more than 100 doctor office visits lasting 3 hours or more, 70 days in the hospital, losing 25% of my body weight, losing all my hair, barely being able to walk at times, I am giving part of my life back for a great cause. I hope I can walk at least 15 to 20 laps so please sponsor me for at least \$1.00 per lap (or a fixed contribution) and help me get to my goal of \$1,000 per lap (75% of the funds raised will go to the NCCF and 25% will go to Resurrection School). By the way, my aunt Cathy and Uncle Alex will be matching every dollar that I raise, so every dollar of support you provide gives two dollars to my cause!!! **Thank you for your kindness.**



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