

# Emily's

## Rainbow Fund



is dedicated to raising funds  
for pediatric cancer research because...

- Every day 46 children in this country will be diagnosed with cancer. That is two classrooms full.
- Every four hours a child will die from pediatric cancer. We have known several who fought bravely, but did not survive.
- The average age of a child being diagnosed is 6; the average age for an adult is 66. *Emily was a few months shy of her 10th birthday.*
- Cancer is the number one cause of death by disease for our children. It kills more children than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, congenital anomalies and pediatric AIDS combined.
- Pediatric cancer is cured about 75% of the time. That means one out of four children diagnosed will lose their battle.
- It has been 20 years since any new pediatric cancer drug has been approved.
- Currently there are between 30,000 - 40,000 children being treated for cancer.
- Only about 20% of adults with cancer show evidence that the disease has spread to distant sites on the body at diagnosis yet 80% of children are diagnosed with advanced disease. *Emily was one of them.*
- By 2010, one in every two hundred teens and adolescents will be a cancer survivor.
- Most children are treated with smaller doses of adult drugs.
- Due to the toll of the currently available therapies on their growing bodies, three out of every five children who survive cancer will be diagnosed with another cancer, a chronic illness or another life threatening illness before they are adults.
- Pediatric cancer is not well funded through corporate/university research and government funds. It's plain economics. The cost of finding and developing a new cancer therapy is large and pediatrics makes up a small portion of the cancer patients.