



**ABOUT CHILDHOOD CANCER**

- Every 40 min a child in the United States is diagnosed with Cancer
- Every year more than 13,500 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer in the United States.
- 2,700 children die from cancer every year in the United States
- In 80% of children, the cancer has already spread to other areas of the body at the time it is diagnosed.

**Adults**

Average number of years of life lost to cancer

**15**

Average age at cancer diagnosis

**67**



**Kids**

Average number of years of life lost to cancer

**71**

Average age at cancer diagnosis

**6**



- The average length of treatment for a child is 3 years
- Due to treatment these children will suffer long-term effects such as, loss of hearing and sight, heart disease, secondary cancers, learning disabilities, infertility and many others.
- 3,300 of these children are Latino.
- Latino Children are diagnosed at a higher rate of advanced cancer and have a higher mortality rate than other children and young adults.



## ABOUT PADRES CONTRA EL CÁNCER

- PADRES Contra El Cáncer is a non-profit organization committed to improving the quality of life for children with cancer and their families. Serving children and young adults diagnosed between 0-21 years of age.
- At the time of its establishment in 1985, PADRES provided support to eight families in Los Angeles.
- Today the organization has assisted more than 8,300 newly diagnosed childhood cancer patients and 41,500 immediate family members.
- PADRES Family Service base:
  - Average annual income less than \$35K a year;
  - Average family size= 6; Ethnic Background 2013: Latino 76%, African American 12% Asian 3%, Other 9%
- PADRES was originally established in 1985 to meet the needs of Latino patients who lacked culturally relevant educational and emotional support. PADRES now serves all families with cancer and blood diseases
- PADRES offers free programs and services to ALL families so that *NO FAMILY IS EVER TURNED AWAY.*
- PADRES is able to provide programs and services through partnerships with hospitals in California, Florida, New York and Nevada.
- PADRES Programs and services include:
  - Bilingual educational programs on childhood cancer (diagnosis and survival); general health of the family.
  - Quality of life activities; art and music therapy.
  - Emotional and financial support services and resources.