



## Children's Specialty Center of Nevada Receives \$245,000 Grant for Long-Term Follow-Up Clinic

### *LTFU Clinic Provides Specialized Care for Childhood Cancer Survivors*

LAS VEGAS - November 10, 2014 - The Children's Specialty Center of Nevada, the state's only nonprofit pediatric cancer outpatient treatment facility, received a \$245,000 grant from the St. Baldrick's Foundation to further expand the Specialty Center's Long-Term Follow-Up (LTFU) clinic for childhood cancer survivors. The LTFU clinic is the only one of its kind in Southern Nevada.

Funds granted by the St. Baldrick's Foundation will help expand the LTFU clinic as well as incorporate the Children's Oncology Group's (COG) *Long-Term Follow Up Guidelines for Survivors of Childhood, Adolescent and Young Adult Cancers*, considered the most comprehensive guidelines available.

Long-Term Follow-Up clinics are considered essential for all childhood cancer survivors, no matter where, or how long ago treatment was given.

Specific treatments that saved the lives of childhood cancer patients can have side effects many years after treatment is finished. The LTFU clinic helps to educate patients and their families on the importance of continued health screenings and the possible side effects, or late effects, that could come about based on their specific treatment.

"I've always told patients that knowledge is power and we want to give patients the most information we can to help them live a long and healthy life," said Alexandra Walsh, M.D., Coordinator of the LTFU clinic. "The LTFU clinic educates patients on their specific health risks from their specific treatments, which is information they need to stay healthy."

Those who were treated for childhood cancer and are no longer in treatment can schedule an appointment or receive additional information by calling the Long-Term Follow-Up clinic (702) 732-3330. Patients who were treated at other facilities are welcomed. Those without medical insurance or the ability to pay for the office visit are also encouraged to call.

The LTFU clinic provides access to a board certified pediatric hematology oncology provider, social worker, neuropsychologist, nurse coordinator and physical therapist.

In addition, the St. Baldrick's Foundation funding will initiate a special pediatric cancer registry program to greatly expand the amount of information collected on childhood cancer patients in Nevada. Ultimately this will provide a more comprehensive picture of pediatric cancer patients, their treatments, and any trends affecting this particular population.

The St. Baldrick's Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, funds more in childhood cancer research grants than any organization except the U.S. government.

The Children's Specialty Center of Nevada and The Hemophilia Treatment Center of Nevada are programs of Cure 4 The Kids Foundation, a 501(c)(3) non profit organization founded in 2007 by Jonathan Bernstein, M.D.

**Cure 4 The Kids Foundation** is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Its mission is to provide funding and access to the latest medical treatments for those facing life-threatening diseases such as cancer, rare and ultra rare diseases, inherited bleeding disorders and rheumatological conditions. Dr. Jonathan Bernstein founded Cure 4 The Kids Foundation in 2007. Bernstein saw firsthand the difficulties faced by families whose children were affected by major diseases but didn't have the financial resources or health insurance to receive treatment. Cure 4 The Kids Foundation was created with these families in mind. Cure 4 The Kids Foundation's Charity Care Program ensures patients at the Children's Specialty Center of Nevada and the Hemophilia Treatment Center of Nevada receive medical treatment regardless of family income or presence of health insurance. [www.cure4thekids.org](http://www.cure4thekids.org);

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