

Fight childhood cancer

Last month, my son, David, my daughter, Kara, and I joined hundreds of children and their families in Washington, D.C., for Gold Ribbon Days, an event sponsored by CureSearch National Childhood Cancer Foundations.

Together, our goal was to increase awareness of childhood cancer and support for increased childhood cancer research funding.

We want to extend a special thank you to those who helped make CureSearch Gold Ribbon Days a success, including Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave and her staff. While we were in Washington, they were generous enough to take the time to meet with children and families to discuss the need for increased investments in research to find a cure for childhood cancer.

Few people realize that cancer is the leading cause of death by disease in children. My family and I greatly appreciate the efforts of organizations such as CureSearch, The Children's Hospital and Presbyterian/St.Luke's and CHOA, and the support of dedicated leaders such as Musgrave in Congress to help us find a cure. I hope our government will continue working to do more on this issue. With their help we can reach the day when every child with cancer can be guaranteed a cure.

This September is Childhood Cancer Awareness Month. We encourage you to take a moment this September to think about the 2,300 children who will die from cancer this year and the more than 40,000 children currently in treatment throughout the country.

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