

## WHO WE ARE

The Payton Wright Foundation financially assists families who have children being treated for cancer of the brain and spinal cord. Founded by Patrick and Holly Wright who lost their five year old daughter, Payton, to brain cancer in 2007, The Payton Wright Foundation has grown to help families all over the nation so that their main focus can be on their child. In 2018, The PWF paid for 300 household bills for families totalling over \$200,000 and provided almost \$22,000 in gas cards to families who cannot afford the fuel to drive their child to and from treatment.



### WHO WE ARE HELPING

The Payton Wright Foundation has provided financial assistance to thousands of families living in the United States since the Foundation's inception. Brain tumors have no socio-economic boundaries and do not discriminate among gender or ethnicity so neither does The PWF.

Any family with a child diagnosed with brain tumor/cancer of the central nervous system prior to the child's 18th birthday is eligible for assistance. To receive assistance, the child must be currently undergoing treatments for brain tumor/cancer. Families request assistance by submitting household bills through doctors and social workers and payments are made directly to the companies.

One of The Payton Wright Foundation's 2018 strategic plan goals is to: **HELP FAMILIES MORE**, instead of helping more families. As The PWF's budget grows, we strive to help families for longer periods of time so that they can keep their focus on their child. A family that cannot afford the gas to get their child to and from treatment can likely not afford their basic household bills while caring for their sick child. A parent should not have to chose between spending their last few months with their dying child and having to work to pay their rent.



# HOW WE HELP

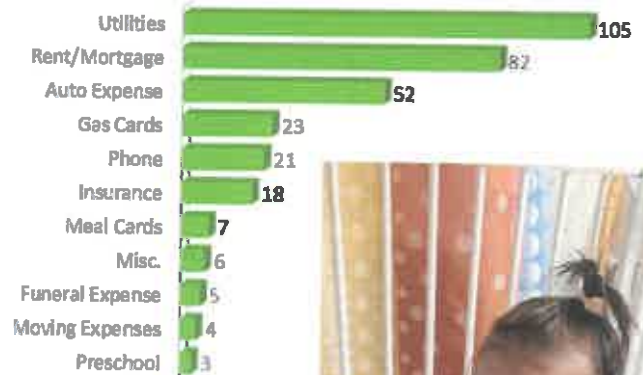
## HOW WE HELP WITH HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES

It is often necessary for parents to take leaves of absence in order to provide around-the-clock care for their children and often, they lose their jobs completely.

- » This may be due to frequent medical treatments and appointments.
- » Children often require additional care while at home due to weakness or illness as a result of medical treatments such as chemotherapy.

*The Payton Wright Foundation provides financial assistance by paying monthly rent/mortgage, phone bills, utility bills, any daily bills for families whose household income is decreased as a result of time spent caring for children. The pediatric neuro-oncologists and/or oncology social workers identify those families in need. They send the family's bills to the Payton Wright Foundation and the foundation pays those bills directly to the billing company.*

### Last Year The Payton Wright Foundation paid 328 bills for families totalling \$211,568



## HOW WE HELP WITH TRAVEL

All families, no matter the situation prior to diagnosis, face severe financial burdens when they have children with brain cancer for the following reasons:

- » Depending upon the treatment plan, doctor's visits may be necessary weekly or even daily.
- » There are only a handful of doctors specializing in each of the 100+ types of brain tumors/cancer. Families often travel far from home to see the appropriate specialist.

*The Payton Wright Foundation provides hospitals with gift cards for fuel and/or food. The pediatric neuro-oncologists or oncology social worker then distributes the cards to families in need. The foundation also covers the cost of airfare and lodging for families of children receiving treatment away from home.*



## HOW WE HELP WITH FUNERALS

Sadly, brain cancer is the deadliest form of childhood cancer. Financial hardships often result in families' inability to afford funerals. We believe every family should have the opportunity to provide a proper burial for their child.

*The Payton Wright Foundation assists families with funeral costs to ensure that their children have been given a proper burial. Funds are given directly to the funeral homes once documents are provided.*

# BRAIN CANCER FACTS

- ⇒ More than 28,000 children (0-19 years of age) are estimated to be living with a brain tumor in the US
- ⇒ On average, 13 U.S. children are diagnosed with a brain tumor/cancer each day.
- ⇒ The average survival rate for all primary pediatric malignant brain tumors is 74.1%
- ⇒ Brain and CNS tumors are the most prevalent form of pediatric cancer in kids under 19
- ⇒ Pediatric brain tumors are the leading cause of cancer-related death among children, surpassing leukemia.
- ⇒ Brain cancer had the highest per-patient initial cost of care for any cancer group, with an annualized mean net cost of care approaching \$150,000. Brain cancer also had the highest annualized mean net costs for last-year-of-life care, relative to other cancers, at \$135–\$210K per-patient
- ⇒ Brain tumors have no socio-economic boundaries and do not discriminate among gender or ethnicity.
- ⇒ The cure rate for most brain tumor/cancer is significantly lower than that of other types of cancer.
- ⇒ Brain tumor/cancer survivors often suffer from side effects of the treatments such as surgery, radiation and chemotherapy resulting in lifelong physical, learning and emotional challenges.
- ⇒ 72 percent of young people diagnosed with a brain tumor/cancer are younger than age 15.
- ⇒ Pediatric brain tumor/cancer is the #2 cause of death in U.S. children behind auto accidents.
- ⇒ There are more than 130 different types of brain tumors/cancers, making effective treatment very complicated. The most prevalent brain tumor types in children are:
  - » Pilocytic Astrocytoma
  - » Malignant Glioma
  - » Medulloblastoma
  - » Neuronal and mixed neuronal-glial tumors
  - » Ependymoma





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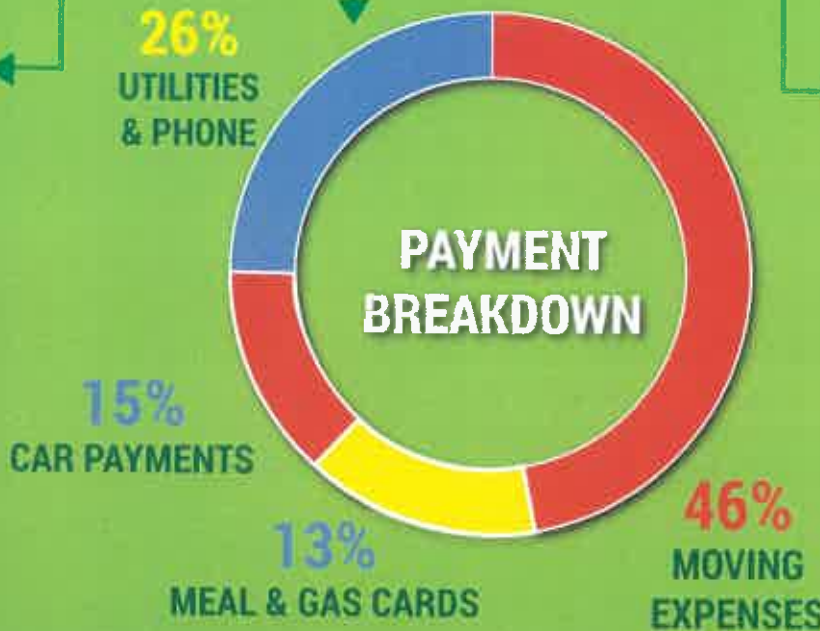
OTHER FAMILIES BEING ASSISTED BY THE PAYTON WRIGHT FOUNDATION



# THE PAYTON WRIGHT FOUNDATION

## FAMILY SPONSOR REPORT

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO FOR ADDI AND HER FAMILY!



### ADDI, AGE 2

Addi was diagnosed in 2017, at 17 months old, with a brain tumor called AT/RT, a very rare and aggressive type of cancer. After multiple surgeries and ICU stays her chemo line got a hole in it so she underwent another surgery to replace it. During this surgery, her superior vena cava was punctured (the largest vessel of the heart) and put her into cardiac arrest. She had to have open heart surgery and was placed on a heart bypass for 3 days and life support for almost 3 weeks. Due to the stress on her body, she had a stroke and a brain bleed which caused her to lose function of the left side of her body.

After Addi had completed daily radiation treatments, 4 out of 5 rounds of chemo, and 2 bone marrow/stem cell transplants an MRI showed necrosis (brain tissue that is dying) of the brain from the radiation. Her body couldn't handle anymore chemo. The family decided to move Addi & her 3 siblings to be closer to the rest of their family in Alaska and focus on palliative care. Then a few months later Addi was accepted into a drug trial back in Florida so the family moved back to give Addi a chance at life. Addi is now two years old.

### TOTAL SPENT FOR ADDI'S FAMILY

<b>\$579</b>	Paid for <b>CABLE/INTERNET</b>
<b>\$326</b>	Paid for <b>WATER/SEWER</b>
<b>\$500</b>	Paid for <b>MEAL CARDS</b>
<b>\$800</b>	Paid for <b>GAS CARDS</b>
<b>\$4,656</b>	Paid for <b>MOVING EXPENSE</b>
<b>\$1,009</b>	Paid for <b>TELEPHONE</b>
<b>\$1,520</b>	Paid in <b>CAR PAYMENTS</b>
<b>\$588</b>	Paid in <b>ELECTRIC BILLS</b>
<b>\$9,978</b>	<b>TOTAL PAID FOR FAMILY</b>

"YOU HAVE NO IDEA WHAT A RELIEF THIS IS. I PRAYED TO GOD TO HELP US AND HE SHOWED UP AS ALWAYS!! WE HAVE BEEN STRUGGLING WITH FINANCES FOR A LONG TIME NOW, YOU ARE SUCH A BLESSING." ~ADDI'S MOM AFTER PAYING A FEW OF THEIR BILLS





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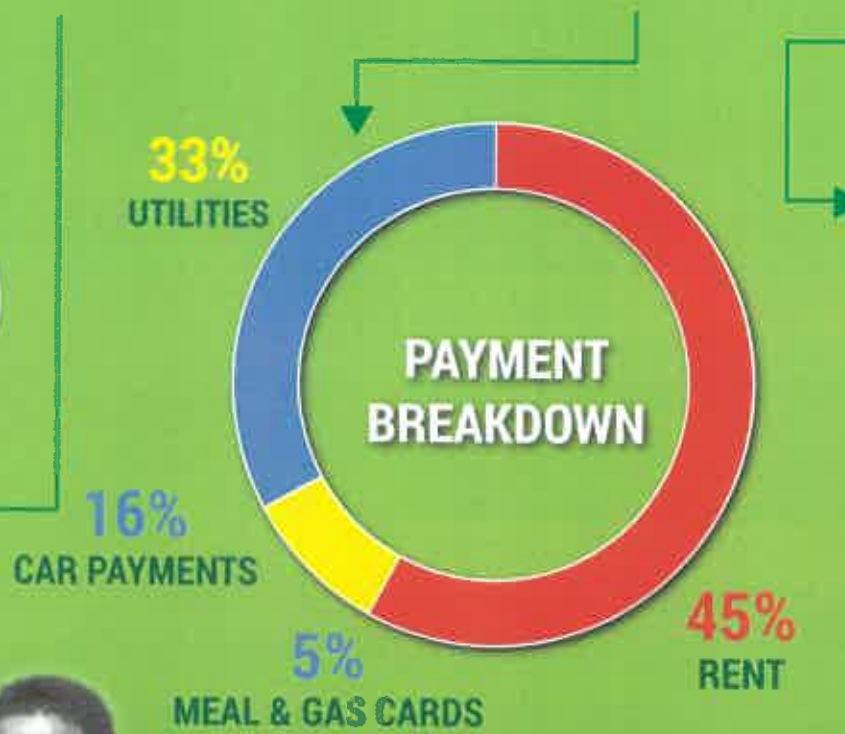
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### MIKAH, AGE 9

Mikah started getting headaches in January of this year. He was taken to several doctors and to ER to finally find out he has a 6 cm tumor pushing on his eyes and nerves causing severe headaches. He was rushed to a hospital across the state and received brain surgery to remove the tumor where they diagnosed him with brain cancer. The family was devastated.

They came home not knowing what was next... Eventually they learned it was glioblastoma stage 4. In the wait the tumor was very aggressive, this meant a second brain surgery only a month after the first. For now he is doing well and still receiving treatment in the hospital.

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### TOTAL SPENT FOR MIKAH'S FAMILY

\$2,282	Paid for RENT
\$473	Paid for TELEPHONE
\$513	Paid for ELECTRIC BILLS
\$239	Paid for WATER/SEWER
\$431	Paid for INTERNET/TV
\$125	Paid for GAS CARDS
\$812	Paid in CAR PAYMENTS
\$125	Paid in MEAL CARDS
<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>TOTAL PAID FOR FAMILY</b>



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