



Bringing the healing power of music to children battling cancer

## **Childhood Cancer Statistics.**

- Cancer is the #1 cause of death by disease for children and adolescents, killing more children than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, and AIDS/HIV combined.
- Every day, in the United States 46 children—two classrooms of kids—are diagnosed with cancer.
- Each year over 12,000 kids are diagnosed with cancer in the U.S. alone and over 3000 will die from it.
- The incidence of childhood cancer in this country is rising almost 1% a year. During the past 20 years, the incidence of cancer among children has increased almost 20%.
- One in every 330 Americans will develop cancer before the age of 20.
- Childhood cancer spares no one, it hits Caucasian, African-American and Hispanic children of any socioeconomic background.
- The median age when adults get cancer is 67; the median age for children is 6.

*Childhood cancer statistics were generated by SEER (Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results) of the National Cancer Institute. Incidence and survival data is collected from 11 population-based cancer registries and three supplemental registries covering 14% of the U.S. population. In, 1980 SEER began collecting data from Puerto Rico, Alaskan native populations, ten predominantly African-American counties in Georgia and four primarily Hispanic counties in the San Jose-Monterey area.*