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The world's childhood
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Dear Friends and Supporters of the Children's Oncology Group,

It gives me great pleasure to announce the formation of **The Children's Oncology Group Foundation**. The COG Foundation will be able to directly receive philanthropic funds from both individual supporters and organizations. One key advantage of the Foundation is that it enables COG's leadership, comprised of a multidisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, laboratory scientists and other allied professionals, to direct funds raised for childhood cancer research to the areas of highest need and opportunity. In an era of rapid scientific discovery, this direct link will allow COG to rapidly respond and support research and new discoveries that have the greatest potential to benefit children with cancer.

As you know, the Children's Oncology Group, a National Cancer Institute supported research group, is the world's largest organization devoted exclusively to childhood and adolescent cancer research. The COG unites more than 7,500 experts in childhood cancer at more than 200 leading children's hospitals, universities, and cancer centers across North America, Australia, New Zealand, and Europe in the fight against childhood cancer. COG institutions and doctors treat approximately 90% of children with cancer in the United States.

To strengthen COG's research funding in a tight federal funding and philanthropic climate, the COG Executive Committee believes that a direct relationship between its philanthropic arm and its research arm will streamline research efforts. COG is also moving to have its grants administered by several academic institutions across the United States that work in concert with our Executive Committee.

Our mission to improve the outcome for all children with cancer remains unchanged, and we look forward to working with you and others in the childhood cancer community in the years ahead. More information about the Children's Oncology Group Foundation will soon be available at TheCOGFoundation.org, or via email at TheCOGFoundation@gmail.com.

On behalf of all COG members, we thank you for your help and support. Your commitment to the mission is vital to COG's research success and to the future of all children diagnosed with and surviving childhood cancer.

Sincerely,



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