

Hero Books for Our Heroes

Eleven CBDI patients are the central character and hero in books created through a program of the Kelly Carol Foundation for Children with Cancer. The books were written by 25 student volunteers in the seventh grade at St. Mary School.

The student-authors did a wonderful job of personalizing the books. Each is illustrated and uses the patient's name in telling their hero story. One book made for a patient who is blind was read by its two authors and recorded onto a CD. A touch board was created to accompany the CD for him to enhance his involvement as he listens to the story. Another patient is a mom and her two authors decided to make mom and child a "hero duo" who save the day together.



Hero Capes and Hero Books

Kelly Carol volunteers also made capes in the child's favorite colors with the first letter of their name sewn on the back. St. Mary's students decorated the capes with ribbons, paint, and iron-on pictures to make the capes one-of-a-kind items for each child.

Thank you Kelly Carol Foundation and St. Mary School for the fun and the recognition you give to our heroes.

To learn more about the cancer program, cancer research at Cincinnati Children's, or to make a contribution, please contact John Perentesis, MD, Director of the Division of Oncology, at (513) 636-8241 or cancer@cchmc.org

CBDI's Christine Phillips – Building Better Treatments for Cancer through Epigenetics



Christine Phillips, MD

Christine Phillips, MD, an oncologist in the CBDI, has two clinical trials in development for relapsed Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) in children and young adults. These two trials will utilize epigenetic cancer therapy, a new way of treating leukemia. When the genes that keep blood cells in one's body from growing excessively are turned off, this leads to the development of leukemia. Epigenetic therapy, which includes the drugs decitabine and azacitidine, works to treat leukemia and other cancers by turning back on the normal cell activity that stops leukemia cells from continuing to grow.

Dr. Phillips recently reported CBDI's experience using decitabine in the *British Journal of Haematology*. This was the first ever reported use of this epigenetic therapy for pediatric AML. In the small group of children and young adults with relapsed AML who had failed traditional chemotherapy, such as cytarabine, a favorable response rate and lower amount of toxicity was observed with the epigenetic therapy. The two trials Dr. Phillips is developing are based on the concept of adding a second epigenetic drug to decitabine or azacitidine to improve the success rate of this new type of therapy, without adding significant additional side effects.

Events and Activities on A5

Monday, November 25	Craft of the Day: Papier Mache Trinket Boxes in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Caregiver Corner - for Adult Parents and Caregivers Relax and refresh through breathing and relaxation techniques 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the Adolescent and Young Adult Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Tuesday, November 26	Craft of the Day: Puzzle Piece Collage in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Wednesday, November 27	Craft of the Day: Button Corn Ears in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Thursday, November 28	Craft of the Day: Happy Thanksgiving! Thankful Trees in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Thanksgiving Lunch - For All CBDI Parents & Caregivers 10:30 am - 12:30 pm in Room A5-440	Contact: Your Social Worker
	Peaceful Me Project - for Teens (with medical approval) Breathing and relaxation techniques for feeling peaceful 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the Adolescent and Young Adult Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Friday, November 29	Craft of the Day: Big Paper Floor Painting in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Dessert and Coffee - For All CBDI Parents & Caregivers 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the Family Resource Center on A1	Contact: Your Social Worker
Monday, December 2	Craft of the Day: Popsicle Stick Snowflakes in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Caregiver Corner - for Adult Parents and Caregivers Relax and refresh through breathing and relaxation techniques 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the Adolescent and Young Adult Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Tuesday, December 3	Craft of the Day: Cotton Ball Snowmen in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Wednesday, December 4	Craft of the Day: Holiday Mini Wreaths with Buttons in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Lunch with Dr. Perentesis, Director, Division of Oncology For All CBDI Parents & Caregivers 12:00 - 1:00 pm in Room A5-440	Contact: Your Social Worker
Thursday, December 5	Craft of the Day: Handprint Reindeer in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
	Let's Chat - For BMT parents & caregivers 1:00 - 2:00 pm in the A5 North Parent Lounge	Contact: Your Social Worker
	Peaceful Me Project - for Teens (with medical approval) Breathing and relaxation techniques for feeling peaceful 3:00 - 3:30 pm in the Adolescent and Young Adult Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Friday, December 6	Craft of the Day: Felt Penguins in the Activity Center	Contact: Your Child Life Specialist
Sunday, December 8	Dessert and Coffee - For All CBDI Parents & Caregivers 3:00 - 5:00 pm in the Family Resource Center on A1	Contact: Your Social Worker

Attending Physicians

Monday, November 25 to Sunday, December 1

Monday, December 2 to Sunday, December 8



Christine Phillips, MD
Leuk/Lymph/Vascular
Attending Physician



Brian Turpin, DO
Solid Tumor/Neuro-Onc
Attending Physician



Jennifer Mangino, MD
Leuk/Lymph/Vascular
Attending Physician



Trent Hummel, MD
Solid Tumor/Neuro-Onc
Attending Physician

Hematology/Oncology Fellows



Kirsten Ricci, MD



Lynn Lee, MD



Beverly Schaefer, MD

Complimentary Breakfast for all families available
weekdays 8:00 - 9:00 AM in the Parent Lounge, A5S.
Please help yourself. Provided by the Katie Linz Foundation.

DAILY ROUNDS

8:15 - 9:00 AM

9:00 - 11:00 AM

Chemotherapy Rounds for scheduled
chemotherapy admissions
Acute Rounds for new and ill patients