



Helping Families Affected by Childhood Cancer

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Where We Began

Gaby was a healthy, happy, spirited 6 year old before our family was faced with her cancer diagnosis.

It took 4 long months with many trips to doctors and hospitals before the discovery was made. Gaby was unable to breathe through her nose and breathing through her mouth was laboured so she was put into ICU and was given a tracheostomy to help her breathe. The cancer, Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma, was growing in behind her eye, in her sinuses and out of her right ear. She spent a month in ICU getting weekly chemotherapy treatments before the tumour was small enough for her to breathe well enough for her trache to be removed so she could come home. That wasn't the end though; she needed 40 more weeks of chemo as well as 30 rounds of radiation.

During Gaby's fight, it was necessary for one of us to leave our employment for the course of her 44 week treatment. It was also necessary for Gaby to travel to Loma Linda, California for 7 weeks in order to receive specialized proton radiation treatment for her cancer. There were many costs that were not covered by insurance and we were required to carry two households during her time away.

We made countless trips to the hospital for chemotherapy, transfusions, fever scares and overnight chemotherapy visits. In January 2007, an MRI confirmed the tumour was gone and we were quite hopeful she would make a full recovery.

Through it all, Gaby remained positive and cheerful. Determined to continue to live life to the fullest each and everyday, even when she was confined to bed. She often thought of the other children who were facing the same or similar circumstances and wondered what she could do to help them through their difficult times.

In February 2007 Gaby started experiencing flu like symptoms and on a regular hospital visit for chemo we noticed some paralysis in her face. Soon after, it was confirmed that the cancer was back and had spread into her brain and spinal fluid. The prognosis was not good and sadly Gaby was gone shortly after the relapse was discovered.

Where We Are Now

In the summer of 2007 we started the "Gaby Davis Foundation" in memory our daughter and friend Gabrielle Davis who lost her battle with childhood cancer in March 2007.

Her brave fight against cancer and her thoughtfulness towards other children with cancer inspired us to help other families fighting this terrible beast.

Our family was very fortunate to be given a great deal of support during Gaby's treatment but not all families we met were so lucky. We met several families who were struggling to keep afloat both financially and emotionally. Many of whom had to be away from home and family for much longer periods of time than we did and had treatment protocols that go on for years.

Our goal with this foundation is to offer support and assistance to children with cancer and their families in times of financial need. We understand first hand just how precious the gift of time is with our children.

Please help us to help them.

Gaby wouldn't have wanted it any other way.

How to Help

Donate by cash, cheque, or credit card

Cash or cheque donations can be made at any TD Canada Trust Bank — Account # 9323 - 5206370 OR send to — PO Box 78039 Northside RPO Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 7H5 Please make cheques payable to "Gaby Davis Foundation". For Credit Card donations please go to www.gabydavisfoundation.com and donate online.

Participate in an event fundraiser

We will have many fundraisers planned throughout the year. Participating in an event is a fun and easy way to support the Gaby Davis Foundation. We look forward to seeing you.

Donate a gift or gift certificate

Gifts are always needed as incentives for those who participate in fundraising events. If you or your company would like to donate a gift, please contact us.

Organize a fundraiser

Do you know an enthusiastic team of individuals looking to help out a great cause? Please contact us for the Gaby Davis Foundation fundraising application and guidelines.

Everyday wish items for our families

Gift cards for Fuel, Groceries, Parking passes at BC Children's Hospital... These are just some essential items our families are in need of everyday. Please send gift cards to; PO Box 78039 Northside RPO Port Coquitlam, BC V3B 7H5

In your will or life insurance policy

Consider giving property, a specific dollar amount, or a percentage of your estate. By naming the "Gaby Davis Foundation" as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or will, you can help the foundation for many years to come.

Volunteer your time

There are many volunteer opportunities to help the Gaby Davis Foundation. Volunteer at an event; use your experience in fundraising, marketing or public speaking to help out with an event. For more information about volunteering please contact us.

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We are a non-profit foundation run by dedicated volunteers who are committed to helping families with children who have cancer.



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Our Mission

The Gaby Davis Foundation seeks to improve a child's quality of life during cancer treatment by providing direct financial aid, emotional support and advocacy support to children with cancer and their families. We believe that children with cancer will receive the most consistent medical care when their parents can focus on them, rather than the additional burdens caused by a cancer diagnosis.



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