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**PEDIATRIC CANCER RESEARCH FOUNDATION AWARDS MAJOR GRANT
FOR BURKITT LYMPHOMA RESEARCH**

-- Family Funds Grant to Honor Lost Youth --

IRVINE, CA, March 27 – The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF), a national nonprofit focused on funding leading-edge research to end childhood cancers, today announced a major award for Burkitt’s Lymphoma research. Called the Cody Camp Fellowship in Burkitt’s Lymphoma Research, the grant honors a six-year-old boy who lost his battle with the disease.

Burkitt’s Lymphoma is the most common form of non-Hodgkin lymphoma among five- to 14-year-old children¹. While it is a highly aggressive cancer that is often life threatening, it is also one of the more curable forms of non-Hodgkin lymphoma².

The Cody Camp Fellowship in Burkitt’s Lymphoma Research is presented by Cody’s parents, Patricia and Donald Camp of Colchester, CT. It awards \$300,000 over the next five years to support the work of Dr. Sanghoon Lee, PhD, MSc in the Division of Pediatric Oncology and Hematology of the Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at Westchester Medical Center. Dr. Lee’s work specifically focuses on the genetic basis of Burkitt Lymphoma and the genetic and proteomic mechanisms of resistance.

“Cody was a very determined little boy who loved playing and watching baseball and especially the Red Sox. We could think of no better way to honor him than by funding research that can help other children successfully defeat their cancer and lead long, healthy and productive lives,” said Patricia Camp.

“At a time when funds for pediatric cancer research are declining, we are grateful to the Camps for their incredible generosity and recognize how their gift is both remarkable and purpose-filled,” said, Jeri Wilson, executive director of PCRF. “I know Dr. Lee and his colleagues will strive every day to ensure their research delivers the major homeruns that Cody and others like him so richly deserve.”

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The need for pediatric cancer research dollars is at an all-time high. Cancer is currently the leading cause of death by disease in children in the United States.³ In fact, each year cancer kills more children than asthma, diabetes, cystic fibrosis, congenital anomalies and acquired immunodeficiency syndrome combined.⁴ Yet despite these facts, the National Cancer Institute (NCI), the federal government's principal agency for cancer research, allocates less than five percent of its annual budget⁵ for childhood cancer research and private sector funding has been limited to the philanthropic efforts of foundations, businesses and concerned individuals who are hoping for cures.

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About Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF)

The Pediatric Cancer Research Foundation (PCRF) is an independent, nonprofit organization, wholly dedicated to funding leading-edge pediatric cancer research nationwide. Since its founding in 1982, PCRF has raised over \$30 million dollars towards the ultimate goal of ending pediatric cancers so children and their families can re-focus on the joys of childhood. This commitment has translated into immediate treatment for children with cancer by developing innovative treatment protocols; improving patients' long-term quality of life; and supporting those scientists working on the precipice of important medical breakthroughs. For more information, please visit www.PCRF-kids.org.

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