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**Subject:** FW: COPY: Map in detail of pediatric cancers near the SSFL  
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Dear Larry,

Can you please post this on our website?

Thank you,

Arezoo :)

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**From:** Melissa Bumstead [melissabumstead@sbcglobal.net]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 21, 2016 8:48 PM  
**To:** Campbell, Arezoo@DTSC  
**Subject:** COPY: Map in detail of pediatric cancers near the SSFL

Dear Arezoo Campbell,

This is Melissa Bumstead, I spoke last night at the DTSC meeting. We live on Fallbrook Avenue and Sherman Way in West Hills, and my daughter was diagnosed with PH+ Leukemia in 2014.

I wanted you to have access to the more complete map that we've put together showing the local pediatric cancers in the area. I will continue to try to get complete pediatric cancer statistics, but it's very difficult with HIPA laws restricting the information, to the point where I have only been able to access the total amount of adult cancer statistics for all of Los Angeles County- pediatric cancer statistics are not available to the public, and are not detailed by zip code.

Also, the majority of the families on the map are kids we happen to know from treatment at Children's Hospital Los Angeles and I realize that there are several other hospitals in the area whose children are not represented on this map.

All the same, here is a link to see what we've been able to do ourselves:

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1akKFO1BvreizGbc4AGeBhDuVz\\_w&usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1akKFO1BvreizGbc4AGeBhDuVz_w&usp=sharing)

I can't tell you how grateful I was to hear that you would consider allocating \$100K to find out if there is a pediatric cancer cluster in our area. Just this morning one of our local kids, Daniel age 9, died from an untreatable brain tumor called DIPG. It was devastating news. But knowing that there is hope to get answers will make a difference. It's all we want, to make sure our kids are safe. I am traumatized daily by the fear that I made the choice to live in a city that may have given my daughter cancer. And traumatized further still by worrying if we should move, though it would tear out many roots that we have planted deeply in this community.

Just a little about Gracie, her PH+ leukemia is very rare, only 5% of all kids with cancer will have her diagnosis, less than 800 children a year. It is not hereditary and there are no leukemia cancers in my, or my husband's, family. Because of the high-risk nature of her cancer, she was required to have 10x the regular amount of chemotherapy as well as a clinical trial medicine to save her life. We are thankful to say she has been cancer free since January of this year. I've attached a photo of her for

you. *(I'm concerned that the attachments may block this email from being received, you will also receive a duplicate copy of this email without the attachments.)*

Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions about the map. I'd be very happy to talk to you more in detail about it. I would also like to be kept in the loop, whenever appropriate, as to the allocation and timelines of the pediatric cancer cluster research.

Very Sincerely,

Melissa Bumstead

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