

# The Keaton Raphael Memorial

## Helping Families Fight Child Cancer

Shortly after 2-year-old Eleanor “Ellie” Champlin-Wilson’s baby sister was born, the active toddler was diagnosed with leukemia. Ellie has undergone several rounds of chemotherapy treatment, in addition to a two-week period when Ellie, her parents and baby sister lived for two weeks in the hospital. The good news is that Ellie recently celebrated her 3rd birthday and continues with all her might to fight cancer.

Each year, approximately 160 children in the Greater Sacramento area will be diagnosed with some form of childhood cancer. The average length of treatment for a child or adolescent is 2-5 years depending on the diagnosis. Families whose children are diagnosed with cancer experience a wide range of emotional and financial issues that puts the

family at risk. They could incur approximately \$45,000 in additional expenses aside from health insurance costs.

Thanks to The Keaton Raphael Memorial (KRM) more than 65 Northern California families of varied ethnic and socioeconomic backgrounds were helped this year. Ellie’s parents wouldn’t have been able to navigate through the many critical issues they faced without KRM’s emotional, educational and financial support.

The family received a Family Grant Comfort Box, which included many resources and financial assistance. KRM also guided the family to community resources and businesses that helped them accomplish a fundraiser, “An Evening for Eleanor.”

Kyle and Robyn Raphael know firsthand how life changes when you have a child with cancer. They lost their 5-year-old son, Keaton, to a deadly childhood cancer and — in his honor — founded KRM in March 1998.

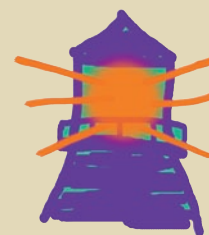
To date, KRM has funded \$450,000 in childhood cancer research directly at the local level, advocates for families at our nation’s capital, and provides bereavement support services to ensure families receive guidance in healthy grieving.

Volunteers can help KRM in a variety of ways. Get involved and make a positive impact for families fighting the cancer battle.



*“Childhood cancer is a difficult subject to talk about, but the more we embrace our families and acknowledge that they need practical support, the stronger they become in their journey.”*

—Robyn Raphael,  
KRM Executive Director and Founder



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