

# Childhood Cancer is a Family Diagnosis

- When a child is diagnosed with cancer it becomes a family diagnosis. Life as it was for the family has changed forever. Each member of the family must take on a new role, which revolves around the illness.
- Pediatric Cancer Families experience a wide range of emotional, psychological and economic impacts. The changes flood quickly and the adjustment must be just as swift to survive. You are now faced with fighting for your child's life and it affects every aspect of yours.
- The diagram below depicts a brief visual of potential impacts. Local hospitals concur that a family will have an additional expense annually of approx. \$40,000.00 even if the child's illness is covered by insurance.

