

Quick facts about St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

About St. Jude

- St. Jude Children's Research Hospital® *opened in 1962* and was *founded by* the late entertainer *Danny Thomas*. Its mission is to find cures for children with cancer and other deadly diseases through pioneering research and exceptional care.
- No family ever pays St. Jude *for anything*.
- In 1962, the survival rate for acute lymphoblastic leukemia (ALL), the most common form of childhood cancer, was *4 percent*. Today, the survival rate for this once deadly disease is *94 percent*, thanks to research and treatment protocols developed at St. Jude.
- The daily operating cost for St. Jude is *\$1.7 million*, which is primarily covered by *public contributions*.
- St. Jude has treated children from *all 50 states* and from *around the world*.
- On average, *7,800 active patients* visit the hospital each year, most of whom are treated on an outpatient basis.
- St. Jude maintains *78 inpatient beds* and treats upwards of *260 patients each day*.
- St. Jude is the *first and only* National Cancer Institute-designated Comprehensive Cancer Center devoted to children.

How Much Does it Take to Help?

Daily operating costs of St. Jude.....	\$1.7 million
Meal card (one day).....	\$30
One night of family housing.....	\$154
One hour of physical therapy.....	\$516
One day of intravenous chemotherapy.....	\$1,474
Average outpatient visit per day.....	\$3,536
Average inpatient stay per day.....	\$6,129
Radiation treatment.....	up to \$104,000
Average cost for treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukemia (per patient).....	\$546,229

St. Jude has developed protocols that have helped push overall survival rates for childhood cancers *from less than 20 percent* when the hospital opened in 1962 to *80 percent today*. The survival rates for selected childhood cancers now include:

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acute lymphoblastic leukemia

(ALL - cancer of the blood)

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medulloblastoma

(a type of brain tumor)

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