

## CAROLINAS KIDS Cancer Research Coalition

Philanthropy Matters at  
Levine Children's Hospital

### Medical Update

from Dr. Javier E. Oesterheld



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One of the most satisfying aspects of any medical practice is seeing it grow. Over the past five years, the Torrence E. Hemby, Jr. Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Center has steadily increased enrollment in our clinical trials and added talented medical professionals to our staff. Now we have taken the next step in our development by setting up teams for specific diseases.

The program has developed teams for solid tumor, leukemia/lymphoma and neuro oncology. This move from general to disease-specific groups allows us to focus on progress patients with particular types of cancers and is typical of larger, more established clinics.

This type of growth does not happen by accident. In addition to dedicated and talented people, it takes a steady and reliable source of funding to sustain and grow this kind of widely acclaimed program. For our work at Carolinas HealthCare System's Levine Children's Hospital, we are truly fortunate to have partners like the Carolina KIDS Cancer Research Coalition. My peers in the medical community marvel at the level of support we receive through philanthropy.

It's a testament to the vision of our community that we have been able to prosper, grow and take the steps needed to emerge as a renowned pediatric cancer center in such a short amount of time. It's quite an accomplishment to be ranked among the best children's hospitals in the country for cancer care by *US News & World Report*, just five years after opening. We look forward to becoming an even stronger force for battling pediatric cancer right here – close to home.



Watching the amazing growth of the Torrence E. Hemby Jr. Pediatric Hematology and Oncology Center is so gratifying. For me, the Carolinas KIDS Cancer Research Coalition is about giving hope – which becomes a reality for families able to stay home as their child receives excellent care. Philanthropy improves quality of life for our children with cancer.



Bevie Hemby  
*CHS and CHF Board Member*

As a founding members of the Carolinas KIDS Cancer Research Coalition, we are proud supporters of this landmark pediatric cancer research effort. Philanthropic groups working together can make a difference. It is inspiring to see the progress being made in the backyard of our Charlotte event.



Basil Lyberg  
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We champion the programs at Levine Children's Hospital because we're inspired by the difference they make in the lives of children every day. We are fortunate to have an institution that is so accomplished and so caring. Lending our support is just the right thing to do.



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