



To whom it may concern,

We are Nick and Claire Mracek, the parents of a beautiful and courageous cancer fighter, Millie Mracek. On May 1, 2020, Millie woke up and, out of the blue, the right side of her face was slightly drooping. This was unusual, so we immediately took her to the emergency room where the doctors were perplexed by her symptoms. For weeks, it was believed to be caused by an extreme middle ear infection causing pressure on her right facial nerve. After various medications and unsuccessful ear tube procedures, Millie's symptoms worsened and left her doctors more confused. After an MRI and various scans, doctors eventually found a malignant tumor growing at the base of her skull, tangled up in several cranial nerves, as well as evidence of disease in her lungs. The tumor was diagnosed as embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma, a soft tissue childhood cancer. This tumor was treatable and believed to be curable with prompt, aggressive chemotherapy and proton radiation.

We began treatment immediately with an intensive chemotherapy plan, combined with six and a half weeks of daily proton radiation at the onset and more radiation planned at the finish of chemotherapy. These treatments were grueling, an unimaginable ask of a child, over and over again. But they were working! Very early into treatment, we saw recovery in Millie's facial movement and the disappearance of the tumor on scans. The greatest response to treatment that we could ever ask for! With each and every week, Millie showed up to the hospital for chemo, dressed in her Mighty Millie shirt and cape, with boldness and strength like we've never seen. Other than her physical hair loss, most days you would have had no idea what Millie's body was actually fighting. Her energy and love for life sparkled through it all. We also began integrating holistic therapies from home at the onset, helping to reduce the toxic load on her body. We believe this allowed her to thrive during so many months of intensive treatment.

Everything was going very well and we were almost to the finish line of treatment when our world suddenly turned upside down again. The lifesaving treatment wasn't effective anymore and we were told to prepare to not have much time left with our daughter. In the midst of our darkest moments, Jenn Andrews and the Move for Jenn Foundation immediately grabbed our hands and walked alongside us and our medical team to find more treatment options for Millie. Jenn understands this fight in ways that most cannot. She and her team spent days on the phone calling hospitals around the country, exploring trials, vetting treatment options for us to pour through. They found a new clinical trial that matched our needs and even funded the remaining \$25,000 needed to get off the ground in April 2021 for Millie to be part of. As parents, it meant absolutely everything that the Move for Jenn Foundation had the empathy, commitment, and connections to find a new option that even our medical team had not found.

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Millie was called home on February 8th, 2021, just before this trial was set to begin. We are devastated and broken wide open.

In honor of our Millie, the Move for Jenn Foundation has created the Mighty Millie Advocacy Program that funds this kind of support for sarcoma families. I can honestly say, firsthand, this kind of advocacy and support is so unbelievably necessary in pediatric oncology and we are honored to be part of advocating for better support, research, treatment options, and lifestyles for families. The support and guidance from the Move for Jenn Foundation played such a huge role in our fight with relapse and gave us hope when no one else could. With continued support, this program can grow to support more families who face the unthinkable, and yet are left to advocate for more options on their own. As a sarcoma patient family, the Mighty Millie Advocacy Program is one that we stand behind and will support for the rest of our lives.

Thank you,

*Nick & Claire Mracek*

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Millie's Parents  
Co-Founders of the Mighty Millie Foundation

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