



## Stony Brook Children's

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Dear Childhood Leukemia Foundation,

On behalf of the Division of Pediatric Oncology here at Stony Brook I would like to thank you for providing us with the wonderful Hope Binders. These binders have been a valuable tool used by the staff during our teaching sessions with the families. When a child is diagnosed with cancer, one can only imagine how a family's life is turned upside down. Prior to discharge, a structured teaching session is provided with an attempt to develop a new "routine" for the child and family. The Hope Binder has been an instrumental tool for families. Families are able to categorize all of the information, develop a way to keep track of the treatment and management, organize other important information such as school, insurance and finances. The use of the Hope Binder can assist families regain some sense of control.

Thank you again for the work you do in helping make a difference in the lives of these children and families.

Respectfully,

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