My Child Matters Awards
For Paediatric Oncology Nurses

The My Child Matters Program, launched in 2006, aims to fight against childhood cancer in countries with limited resources in Africa, Asia and Latin America. To date, 45 projects have already received support in 33 countries.

More information:
www.fondation-sano-espoir.com
www.siop-online.org
www.care-challenge.com

An initiative of the Sanofi Espoir Foundation
In partnership with the International Society of Paediatric Oncology (SIOP)
You

If you are a qualified nurse, you can participate in this international program for giving greater recognition to the role of nurses in the fight against childhood cancer in developing countries.

Your project

It should be designed to help fight against childhood cancer and improve the care of children with cancer, particularly in the most disadvantaged areas of the world.

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Education:

- Improving the training of qualified personnel
- Improving information provided to the public, raising awareness in families etc.

Professional practices:

- Developing new solutions, services, procedures, techniques and tools to improve access to quality care, as well as palliative care.
- Improving the psychological care of children, together with their families and caregivers.
- Aiding nurses to share their experiences by networking with health professionals (oncologists, paediatricians and nurses) in the field of childhood cancer.

Research:

- Developing the skills and research capabilities of nurses
- Conducting research and presenting results that highlight innovative approaches to services and practices to improve the survival of children with cancer.

When and how to submit a project

The My Child Matters Awards for Paediatric Oncology Nurses funds up to ten projects each year submitted by nurses. To participate in the 2015 Awards and submit your project, go to the Care Challenge website (www.care-challenge.com) initiated by Connecting nurses. All you need do is create an account and complete the online form describing the project.

- The Submissions will open on December 1st, 2014.
- The deadline for submitting your project is June 30, 2015.

After that date, you will be able to post your projects and initiatives throughout the year so you can participate in future selections.

Winners and prizes

The winners will receive a grant of €5,000 to support and encourage the development of their project(s). The award will be given to the local association of which the laureate(s) is a member.

- The projects will be posted on the Care Challenge, Sanofi Espoir Foundation and SIOP web sites for two years.
- Some projects that are posted may also be selected to raise their awareness in the networks of the Millennia 2025 Foundation, a partner of Connecting nurses and Sanofi Espoir Foundation
- There will be a communication campaign for the winning projects on the Sanofi Espoir Foundation and SIOP websites, as well as at annual international SIOP Conferences.

Selection criteria

The winning projects will be selected based on the following key criteria:

- The innovative nature of the project
- The ability to improve the care of children suffering from cancer and raise their chances of survival
- Potential for adapting the concept to other communities or regions
- Cultural fit
- Promoting health education
- Impact of innovation on the community
- Sustainability
- Likes and comments from visitors to the Connecting Nurses website

The jury

This consists of experts in the field of pediatric oncology from SIOP, SIOP Nurses’ Group Steering Committee, St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and representatives from the Sanofi Espoir Foundation.