

## CCC Matching Grant Program – USA and Caribbean

Congratulations to all the individuals and Clubs who helped fund our million dollar commitment to Johns Hopkins. Your hard work and dedication have made it possible to reach our goal to provide financial support for childhood cancer research. There is so much more that we can do to raise public awareness and “be the leading force to rid the world of childhood cancer.”

In the US, cancer is the number one disease killing children. It kills more children than asthma, AIDS, cystic fibrosis and diabetes combined. One in every 330 children develops cancer before the age of 20. Children from every socioeconomic background are affected. The good news is that childhood cancer treatments are called a “modern medical miracle.” Although up to 70% of all childhood cancer can now be cured, one in five patients will die. The monetary cost of the 3- to 4-year treatment is estimated at over \$500,000. The cost of a bone marrow transplant is about \$1 million. Your Club can help us reach our remaining goals to provide support for children with cancer, their families and their health care providers. To help you do this, the CCC has established the CCC Matching Grants Program.

The CCC Advisory Panel is now accepting applications for the 2010 CCC Matching Grants Program. Any Club conducting a CCC project is eligible to apply for a matching grant of up to \$2,500. Now is the time to start that project or event that your Club has been considering.

The application is a simple two-page form. After approval of the grant request, 50% of the award will be paid to the Club. The remaining 50% will be paid after the final project report is submitted to the CCC Advisory Panel for review within 30 days of the completion of the project. Clubs may submit one CCC Matching Grant request per Optimist year. The panel will review one grant request per project in the case of multi-Club or Zone or District endeavors.

For more information call (800) 500-8130, ext. 235, or check the Optimist website at [www.optimist.org](http://www.optimist.org).

Yours in Optimism,

The United States CCC Advisory Panel